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Like a Princess
rouse from slumber,
See the joyous Spring appear
In her crystal palace, guarded
She has slumbered all the year

But a Bird note, soft and
tender, Then a Streamlet's
laughter clear, Chiming with
sweet Blue-bells ringing,
Fell upon her drowsy eye
Whereupon she wakes
and shouted: "Spring is com-
ing, Comrades, dear! Till the Bird
the streams, and Flowers, A
wering shouted: "Spring is her

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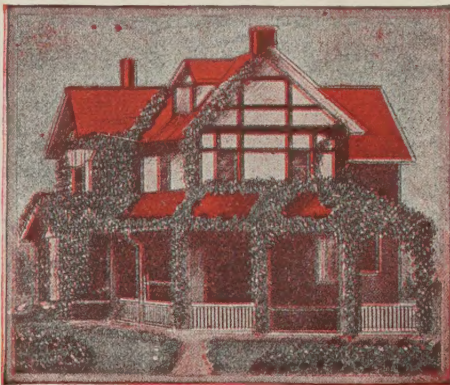
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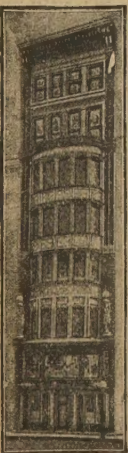


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Knowing that the homely woman with deep lines and furrows must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister, many resorted to annoying and even dangerous experiments trying to regain their former youthful appearance. This new discovery, however, will do away with all these rash measures, as the treatment is harmless and simple. It is said that aside from banishing wrinkles in from one to three nights it is a great aid to beauty, making the skin soft and velvety and beautifying the complexion. Many who have followed Miss Ellison's advice look from five to twenty years younger, and, judging by the number of replies she is receiving daily, people are not slow at taking advantage of her generous offer.

It comes as a surprise that the discovery should be made by a modest little woman in Scranton when our large cities are full of beauty doctors and specialists who have sought in vain for a treatment that would turn back the clock of time and place the imprint of youth on the fast-fleeting footsteps of age, but far more surprising is the fact that she is to remain where she is.

In speaking of her discovery she, said: "Yes I know there would be many advantages in my going to some of the large cities, but I have made arrangements to give particulars of my treatment Free to all who write me, so that the women in every city and town may have the benefits of my discovery."

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WARM weather has begun to smile upon us once more and with it comes some new duties for the woman who would preserve the beauty of her skin which from now on will be more or less exposed and subject to tan, freckles and blotches. These latter blemishes are the most annoying because they just will crop out and disfigure one. Still, there is a remedy for them.

Just now, I am receiving a great many letters about this particular form of annoyance, and a little careful reasoning will show that perhaps it is largely our own fault that they are there.

Their appearance on the face and not on the body is due to the fact that we are pursuing a course of facial treatment that has opened up the pores where the treatments are thoroughly and conscientiously performed to the utter neglect of the remainder of the body, and as a matter of fact, the pores of the skin of the face are very active and are practically doing a large part of the duty of those of the whole body.

The quickest, the surest, and the only way to rid oneself of this trouble is to thoroughly cleanse the pores of the skin of the whole body and thus distribute the labor of throwing off this poisonous excrements.

Cleanse the Blood

At this time of the year some good blood cleanser should be taken and I am a firm believer in our Grandmother's old and reliable remedy of sulphur, cream of tartar and molasses. Go to your druggist and he will prepare for you the first two ingredients in their proper proportions at a small cost, then add the molasses and beat it well until thoroughly mixed. The dose to be taken is a teaspoonful each morning before breakfast for a period of from ten days to two weeks. As the sulphur is heavy and settles this preparation should be thoroughly stirred each time before taking. It is a mild laxative and an excellent skin bleach. While taking this treatment, the pores of the skin should be kept clean by a daily sponge bath and brisk rubbing, after which the body is ready for the next very important step, which is massaging.

Of course, in making these suggestions I am assuming that your general health is good, for if you have any ailment that is sapping your vitality, or your digestion is impaired, you must remedy that before you can hope to accomplish the beautifying of your face or form. You must not expect, either, to accomplish too much all at once. Remember that the marks placed upon you by ill health and time were of a gradual and constant process and it will take time and patience to remove them.

For the development of the bust and for filling out the little hollows in the neck and shoulders, a good flesh food should be massaged into the skin liberally and preferably just before retiring, so that it may remain on all night. The following morning a spitting of cold water applied with the palms and a brisk rub with a coarse towel will invigorate you. After drying the skin, rub briskly with the palms and get into your clothing quickly.

In addition to this, you should practice inhaling deeply and as often as you can think of it. Just fill your lungs as full of air as you comfortably can and then exhale it slowly. In a very short time you will experience a sense of exhilaration that will amply repay you for the few minutes spent daily in this exercise.

Removing Wrinkles

Once again I am confronted with the inquiry "How can I remove the wrinkles from my face?" and I must answer as I have always done heretofore, "Massage treatments with a good flesh food is the sovereign remedy."

When massaging the lines of the forehead from temple to temple, it is wise to use only the soft balls of the finger tips, as the palms of the hands and the entire finger are not so soft and delicate. Place the finger

moistened with the Flesh Food so that the pores may drink in every possible bit of its nutriment. Continue this movement for about five minutes and a little longer will do no harm.

Another and more difficult movement, which is more important to learn, is the rotary movement. This is done by placing the tips of the first and second finger on the cheek about an inch from the corner of the mouth, circling inward and gradually working upward in little circles nearly to the outer corner of the eye. Then begin again a little farther back on the cheek and work upward over the temple to a point high upon the forehead circling in toward the center. This movement should be continued for a period of about five minutes on each cheek.

Massaging around the eyes is always the most delicate part of the work and a more gentle stroke should be employed. You should begin by placing the finger tip just above the inner corner of the eye bringing it down and then outward past the outer corner of the eye. Next commence at the inner corner of the upper lid bringing the finger upward and outward in a curved line just below the eyebrow. These two movements should be very gentle, and extreme care used not to press the eye ball.

It should be remembered that the upward strokes should be used wherever practicable as the downward strokes have a tendency to cause the face to droop or sag. The finger tips should be placed on the chin and slightly underneath it. Draw them backward toward the ear and then upward, when the palms may be employed to take a firmer hold and strengthen up these muscles.

Last of all, after you have become familiar with the different movements, you may finish by going over the entire face alternating them, when you will experience such a glorious sensation of rest and eased muscles as will amply repay you for the efforts put forth. This treatment faithfully followed will surely show beneficial results in the appearance of your face, but be sure that you make no error in the selection of your Flesh Food. A cold Cream will not suffice for flesh building and the removal of wrinkles. What you need is a flesh food prepared by a physician who understands the requirements of the skin and tissue for their development. The preparation must be nourishing and stimulating and I can cheerfully recommend the Dr. Charles Flesh Food which is an old friend of many years. It is prepared by the Dr. Charles Co., Dutch & Fulton Streets., New York City. They have been making an offer to the readers of "Vicks," of one box of their Flesh Food, one box of their exquisite Face Powder and a cake of their Healing Soap by mail and in a plain sealed wrapper for one dollar. As this is the time of year when tan, freckles and blotches must be guarded against, this offer comes at a convenient time and I would advise all of my women friends who have not tried these preparations to take advantage of this liberal offer.



tips in the center of the forehead and draw them gently but firmly outward toward the temple. Never rub the reverse way (toward the center) as that tends to increase and emphasize the lines. Keep the fingers well

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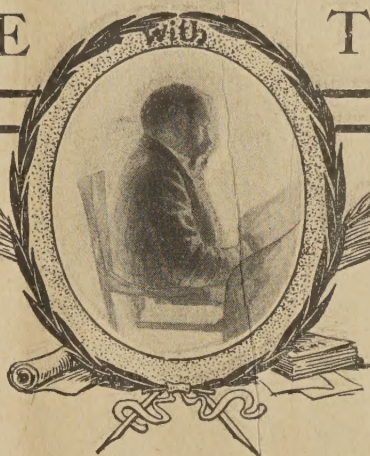
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AT HOME

THE EDITOR



It is doubtful if the historic Christian Church has perpetuated to the modern world any other festival with a setting more beautiful and fitting, and a suggestiveness more inspiring to higher ideals and nobler living than is Easter. The word "perpetuated" is used in this connection advisedly, as it is well known that the annual celebration of Easter was observed largely throughout the civilized world generations before the dawn of the Christian era. To be sure the day in that far-away time signified much less than now, as the rise of christianity has not only added to the ancient observances, but has also imparted to them a vastly higher spiritual meaning.

In the olden days the Easter festival celebrated the glorious awakening of all Nature, which spring-time invariably brings. Becoming was it, then as now, to celebrate with joyful enthusiasm this revivifying, this rising up, this resurrection of the mighty powers of beneficent Nature. With the dawning of the new era, when, "in the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea," Easter came to symbolize not simply the annual revival of life as seen in material forms, but that soul awakening, that resurrection of spiritual life, which is the portion of every human intelligence when in tune with the Infinite—the Power Eternal that eternally works for righteousness.

The pervading spirit of the Eastertide is that of joy and beauty,—the joy of beauty and the beauty of joy. With all Nature making utmost effort to clothe herself with a mantle of beauty, man can scarcely do otherwise than to become a co-worker with the great Master Artist in the creation of things beautiful. Thus do we have the art divine conjoined in beautiful wedlock to the art of man. The exquisite beauties revealed in Nature,—the gorgeous sunset; the scintillating, far-distant stars; the high,

The Eastertide, Its Joy, Beauty, Art

up-rearing mountains, crowned with eternal snows, and the bright-hued and fragrant flowers nestling at their feet; the wide-spreading verdant valley; the singing of the birds; the lowing of the cattle upon a thousand hills; the gurgling of the forest streamlet; the southing of the summer breeze; the merry prattle of little children;—all these, through the medium of the senses, find access to the inner sanctuary of the human soul, where impressions more or less enduring are recorded. Man's successful efforts to give expression to these impressions is the art of man. As the Creator's purpose in beautifying this world was and is too make it a desirable place of habitation for the race, so should man's object, in making reflections of nature's manifold beauties, be to cause the surroundings of his fellow-mortals to be such as will make them happier and better,—such as will lead them ever onward, through the delightful avenues of the beautiful, up to the good and the true.

The history of art proves that many of its most celebrated adepts have looked upon art as an end, not a means; have not sought to make it a means of giving to the many benefit, blessing, joy, peace, happiness, and inspiration to nobler aspiration and better life. Too often has the fee—"current money with the merchant," and honeyed words of praise from the favored few—been their only purpose. Even in that period when Italian art was at the zenith of its glory, only the ruling classes shared in its benefits. To the common people art was a sealed book. Truly has a noted clergyman said: "It was an age of marble for rich men; but an age of mud for peasants. It was an era of art for princes, an era of ugliness and squalor for the common people." Speaking of this time, Frederick Harrison has well said: "They (the masses) were cooped up in walled towns with narrow courts and sunless alleys. They slept in airless, windowless, pestiferous chambers, wearing the same leather garments for successive generations, piling the refuse in the backyard, walking along streets narrow and unpaved, through which man and beast trampled knee-deep in noisome mire. Every church was crammed with corpses and reeked with vile odors, even the banqueting hall of the castle being built above dungeons where prisoners were reeking in dampness and filth."

But since that gloom-enveloped day the spirit of light, love, and liberty has, in large measure, broken the shackles wherewith the masses of the people were bound. Knowledge has been increased, stagnation has abated, human ingenuity has been quickened, invention has resulted, the useful arts have been multiplied, and thus have the people been brought in touch with the wonderful creations of the great masters. Through the marvelous progress made in the art of pictorial reproduction, we now find in nearly every home copies of the great pictures of Raphael, Angelo, and other celebrated artists. Thus, though some of these gifted painters may not have had the loftiest aim in view, their works have come to make glad and bless the children of men.

In order to make the earth a pleasant, happy, and good home for his creatures, God spread over all his works a mantle of beauty. What nobler object then

could the art of man have than to make happier and better and sweeter and purer the homes of all the people, and who can be more a benefactor of mankind than he who aids in making home beautiful, without and within,—beautiful in all its environs and approaches,—beautiful in its interior arrangements and appointments,—and, above all, beautiful in the lives of love lived therein? In this glorious work all may have a part.

No scene or picture is perfect in its beauty, in any part of which appears the least defect or lack of harmony. So also there can be no perfectly happy individual human life, no perfection of soul-beauty, so long as any human life is defective, joyless, and lacking in soul-beauty. Each human life is a part of all human life, and all is inseparably a part of each. As the joy of each is by right the joy of all, so also the sorrow of each is the sorrow of all. True it is, as the great apostle Paul well says, when one member of the body suffers, the whole body suffers with it. This being so, he who truly participates in Easter joy and beauty cannot be content until all are partakers with him. He will do his utmost in every possible way to give forth freely to others both the best that he is and the best that he has, in order to bring to them the same sunshine that brightens his own life. He will not look dreamily forward to some far-away sometime or somewhere for an opportunity to do a great work for humanity. He will seek to bring the "glad tidings of great joy to all people," to those right about him, first of all to those of the home circle, and later to the outer spheres of life of which he is a part. The sharing of his joy and any soul-beauty he may happily possess with others does not consist in some great or heroic act, but in "just the art of being kind," in acquiring such a manner of speech and bearing as that one's very presence will radiate joy's sunshine and be a message of good cheer and helpfulness and an inspiration to higher and better living to all whom he meets. Thus may we have and give true Easter joy, now in gladsome spring-time and throughout the live-long year.

Few people walk properly. The importance of a graceful carriage can scarcely be overestimated. It has been most truly said, "A gentleman never puts on a pompous manner, and a lady never struts." One's walk should be easy, graceful, and above

The Graceful Gait all, natural. Turn the toes out slightly; make the step firm, decided, yet quiet and moderately long. Never indulge in a slouching, irregular, unsteady, wabbling walk. Dr. Dio Lewis in his excellent work "Our Girls," gives a rule for correct carriage that is well worth practicing. He says: "Whoever carries the chin close to the neck is all right from top to toe, and will walk well."

INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE

THE LARGEST PHILANTHROPIC NEWSPAPER CLUB IN THE WORLD

Cynthia Westover Alden, Originator and Founder

THE largest philanthropic newspaper club in the world is, no doubt, the International Sunshine Society, of which Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, of the Ladies' Home Journal, is Founder and President-General.

The Society was organized merely by chance one Christmas time when Mrs. Alden insisted that the Christmas gifts given her by the members of her staff should be free from writings of any kind, especially of a personal nature, that would prevent her from passing them on after she had enjoyed them. Being a firm believer in giving everything, animate or inanimate, an opportunity to do the work for which it was born, she was constantly urging those about her to "pass on" the pretty things they didn't need.

The first branch of this great society was formed in the old New York Recorder editorial rooms in 1896. There were eighteen persons, who, half in fun, promised they would live up to the simple rule Mrs. Alden laid down for them to do some kind deed every day, as dues—and make an effort to pass on everything that was in good condition and for which they had no further use. In other words, they were not to break the back of the messengers that brought them good tidings simply because they were through with them. When one is through with a wheel chair it doesn't mean the wheel chair should be sent up into the garret to rust out; it was made to serve the sick and a sunshiner would make an effort to see that it was passed on to some deserving invalid who could ill afford such a luxury. Today the main rule of the society is to try to lend a hand when nobody else seems ready to; never to compete, and do the kind deed in the quickest, easiest, and most effective manner.

There are now over three thousand branches, and over three hundred thousand members enrolled. Every State in the union is organized. There is as little red tape as possible, and just enough constitution and by laws to keep the money matters straight. Our object is simply to incite members to the performance of kind and helpful deeds. To join, one has only to sympathize with the object, and help to carry on the work. The membership fee is an act or suggestion that takes with it sunshine and good cheer. That may be a sunny smile, a happy "good morning," the founding of a college, or paying off the debt on our Sunshine Sanitarium. I am sure I would not dare estimate the value of any deed labeled "kind." I have known of just a sympathetic handshake saving a life; I have known too, where one word of encouragement prevented a downfall. Many of us are too much afraid of giving commendation or "passing on" a kindness.

Almost every church in the country now has its Sunshine branch. The kind deeds of these workers may be confined to the church, or made to cover the needs of the whole neighborhood. The society is denominational, maintained entirely through branch work and the newspapers that publish the news. The official organ is the Ladies' Home Journal, that publishes a column of news every month written by Mrs. Alden. The official publication, reporting all moneys received, announcing all important meetings, is the International Sunshine Bulletin, published by Mrs. Alden herself, at her own expense. This is done in



Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden
President General International Sunshine Society

order that a strict account of all the work of the society may be set before the public every four weeks. The local newspapers and magazines chronicle the home news.

Other Good Works

Traveling libraries are sent to any isolated part of the country from which a call may come. Consumptives are taken care of. It is thought many lives have been saved through prompt help of the society. Hot Springs, Ark., has a Sunshine Home; every room is occupied by a gentleman, crippled with rheumatism. There are many fresh air homes, tents, sunshine camps, nurseries, vacation homes, summer rests, hospital cribs,

hospital rooms, depot libraries, endowed beds, visiting committees, sewing circles, university scholarships, sailors' libraries, miners' club rooms, sunshine churches and Sunday schools, relief work, playgrounds, educating the blind, old men's homes, schools, lunch counters, wheel-chair circles, care for cripples, exchanges, fresh-air work, flower depots, prison work, branches among the Indians, day outings, club rooms, orphan asylums, care of defectives, newsboys' clubs, and homes for the aged.

There are no paid officers in this society. Mrs. Alden not only gives all the time she can spare to the work, but all the money she can spare as well. The books of the society are kept by an expert accountant and much of the office work is contributed.

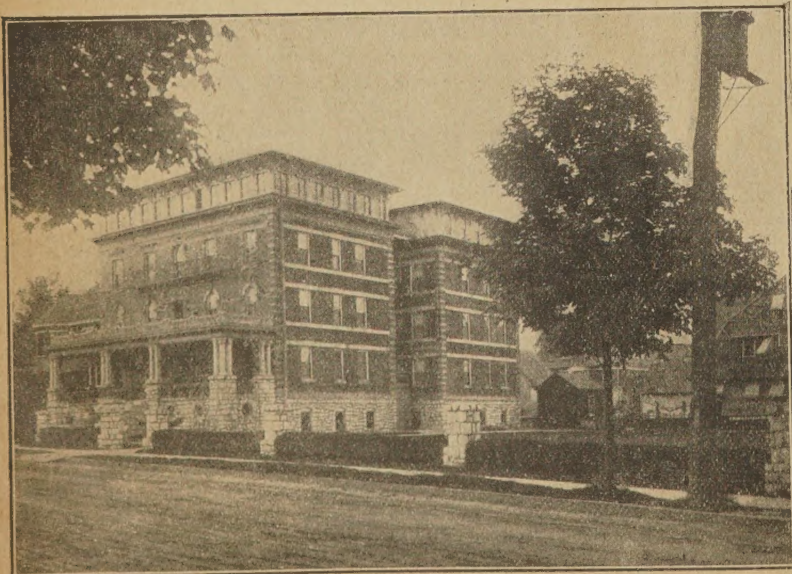
Sunshine Blind Babies

A visit to the Blind Babies' Home in Brooklyn will never be forgotten. Mrs. Theodore F. Seward, the President of this branch of Sunshine work said: "In providing a home and caring for the blind babies, the International Sunshine Society has followed its usual method of work; that is, doing the work which has not already been undertaken by other societies. The discovery made three years ago, that not only in the state of New York, but also in every state of the union with but two exceptions, there is no special care on educational provision for the young blind under eight years of age, led this society to make the attempt to remedy this condition in one city, hoping it might prove a valuable object lesson to the whole country and rouse the public to the need of such work."

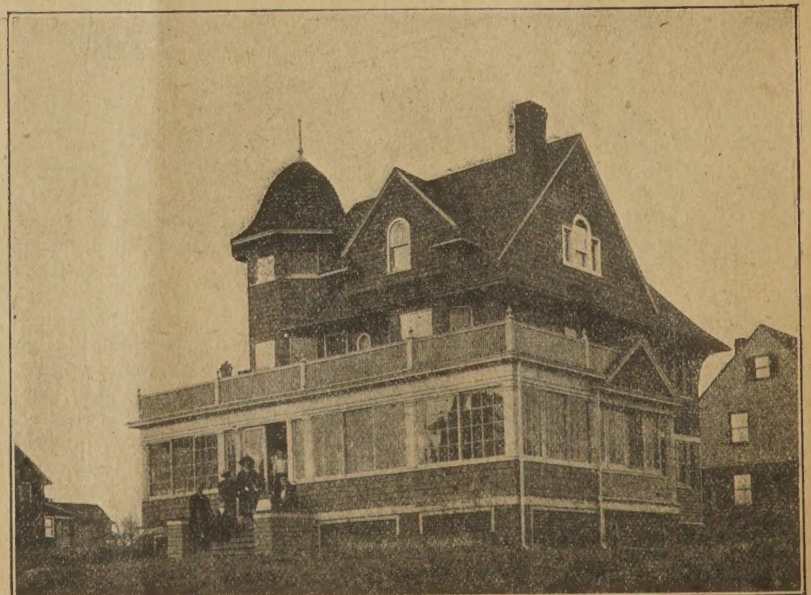
"The most critical and important time in a blind child's life is the period from one to eight years. These years decide whether it shall become imbecile from the lack of proper development, and help to swell the already large number of imbecile adult blind under the charge of the state as years go on, or with special care and training shall take an intelligent part in the world's work and, if necessary, become self supporting."

"When we started this work in February, 1905, we were told that it was a foolish undertaking, for there were no blind babies, but when we began to look for them they seemed to come from every part of the country, and we have now nearly a hundred more on our list than we can receive in our limited accommodations, as we can only care for twenty-five at once. These have come to us from several different states. Some have been sent by the City from the idiot department at Randall's Island, the only place the city has had to send the dependent blind babies."

"The success with these little ones under the intelligent care and kindergarten training of our superintendent, Mrs. Cynthia M. Tregear, graduate nurse, has been beyond our highest hopes and proved the value of what we were trying to accomplish. These babies who when brought to us were pale, sad, helpless, often crippled and full of fear, would hardly be recognized in the bright, happy, rosy children, going alone up and down stairs, romping out of doors, in the swings, on the sleds and rocking horses, dancing and playing games so independently; doing the same work in the kindergarten which sighted children do and just as well."



International Sunshine Sanitarium and Rest Home, Cropsy and Twenty-Third Avenues, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, N. Y.



The International Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, 84th Street and 13th Avenue, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Play Hour at the Blind Babies Home 84th St. and 13th Ave., Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Mrs. Cynthia M. Taeager, Supt. of the Blind Babies' Home, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, and Helpers giving the older children a dip in the ocean.

"Although several of the children who came to us from the Island were thought to be imbecile, with the special care they have received in the Home their minds unfolded with the result that it was proved to be only neglect that made them appear so. Since we started this work we have graduated ten who have entered the Thirty-fourth Street School for the Blind in New York city. They all stand well in their classes.

Come and see the Blind Babies in their Home at Eighty-Fourth Street and Thirteenth Avenue, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn. This beautiful home was given to us by interested friends upon the condition that we pay off the two mortgages of \$5,000 each when due. Through the strenuous efforts of our Sunshine friends, the first mortgage has been paid. The other \$5,000 will be due in 1911.

"Many members have helped us to carry on the work, but it is greatly handicapped by lack of an endowment fund. The city gives us help in caring for the dependent blind children it sends to us, but the expense for blind babies is greater than for sighted children, because they need special individual attention.

"We earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation and aid of all who are interested in this important problem of helping the blind babies to help themselves."

Among the many needs which the society discovered was the lack of an undenominational Hospital, Sanitarium, and Home combined. Circumstances so brought it about that such an institution was established at Bensonhurst-by-the-Sea, and it is hoped that when all debts are paid the income of the Sunshine society will be sufficient to keep the Emergency Fund well supplied to meet the many calls sent to General Headquarters, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A Free Bed is the great need just now. Single beds in private rooms of three are five thousand dollars each; private rooms are ten and fifteen thousand dollars. These amounts endow a room in perpetuity. It was hoped that the newspaper people alone would endow one bed, and pleas have been sent forth to this effect. What more beautiful way to provide a memorial to some loved one gone before?

The International Sunshine Sanitarium is unique in the advantages offered to patients and guests. Pa-

tients are cared for by graduate nurses while guests have the liberty and conveniences of a hotel. An atmosphere home-like and cheerful, which has an immediate effect upon the despondent or discouraged, pervades the place. From the Solarium and front porches the view is entrancing. A moving panorama of vessels entering and leaving New York Harbor has a peculiar fascination to patients who have been imprisoned in sick rooms, and to the convalescent the charm is irresistible.

This is an exceptionally fine Home for aged people who require more care than an ordinary family can supply, yet are not patients for hospitals. Special attention is given paralytics, and entertainments are furnished for the helpless, to make life less dreary.

The Rest Home Annex is especially equipped for convalescents who go from hospitals or sick rooms to recuperate. Here they can continue special diet and have the privilege of calling a graduate nurse, if desired, in an emergency.

The International Sunshine Society is just now particularly anxious to have an endowed bed in the International Sunshine Sanitarium and Rest Home. If we could get a certain number of newspapers or periodicals to raise through their columns, \$100 or more, each, we would soon see our way to the \$5,000 necessary to endow a bed. Every week we turn away some deserving person because there are no accommodations free. If fifty persons, or papers, should stand for \$100 each we would have the bed right away.

It often happens that people of rare culture and refinement, through sudden reverse or misfortune, are left stranded and penniless in the nation's metropolis, and today there is not a single endowed bed in this great city outside the public almshouse. Surely to endow a bed as herein suggested would be to scatter sunshine to many who would otherwise be hapless, hopeless, helpless, and sunless. As that beautiful song says: "Let a little sunshine in."

Welfare Women

If the men of the world were doing as much and doing that much as unselfishly for human welfare as are the world's women, the sum of human misery would be divided at least by two and the sum of human happiness would certainly be doubled, if not even more largely increased. Men, as a rule, are so completely absorbed with the strenuous chase of the artfully dodging dollar that they have very little time or energy remaining to devote to the better things of life, those things that make for refinement, and bettered intellectual, social, and moral conditions for all. Hence in church work and other improving activities we find that the number of women thus engaged far exceeds that of the men. Another evidence that women are outstripping the men in high humanitarian endeavor is clearly shown in the difference obtaining in the club life maintained by the two sexes. Men's clubs are, for the most part, purely selfish in their aims, purposes, and methods, and are usually lavishly furnished quarters where men while away their leisure hours, smoking, drinking and, too often, relating questionable stories they would not wish to repeat to wife or sweetheart. While this is unfortunately true of most men's clubs, there can scarcely be found anywhere in the land a single woman's club identified with our State and National Federations, but that stands for high intellectual life and betterment and is an active force in its community for some definite program of public improvement and worthy altruistic endeavor. American clubwomen could with great advantage imitate American Club women in the many good and noble things the latter are doing for human welfare.

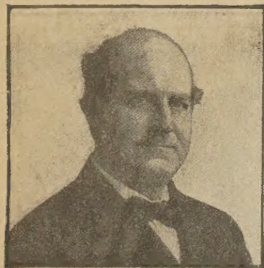
WONDERLAND

What's the way to Wonderland?—
Why, it lies on every hand,
Yonder where the cricket calls,
Down beneath the waterfalls,
High within the vaulted blue,—
beckoning to me and you!

Every loitering breeze that blows,
Every smiling, radiant rose,
Every sunset, every shower,
Every dewdrop on the flower—
Shows the way to Wonderland
Unto eyes that understand.

They shall see its pageants pass
Through the rill's brown looking-glass,
Through the tremulous April rain,
Through the mists upon the plain;
God's green earth is Wonderland
To the souls that understand!

Antony E. Anderson



HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN

HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, the most Probable Candidate of the Democratic Party for President of the United States.

Your favor at hand I have read advance pages of the April number of Vick's Magazine and am pleased with the general tone of it. It gives evidence of a desire on your part to deal with the broad questions that affect human welfare and human progress.

Wishing you success, I am,
Very truly yours,
W. J. Bryan.

HON. JOSEPH E. RANSDALL, Member of Congress from Louisiana, President of American Congress on Rivers and Harbors

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th enclosing advance pages of your magazine, containing an article on Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden. I wish every citizen of the world could know of and appreciate the great and noble work of this good woman in founding the International Sunshine Society. To "scatter sunshine" over the whole earth, carrying warmth and gladness to so many hearts, is truly doing our Master's work, and I earnestly hope that Mrs. Alden and all her co-laborers are receiving a large share of the happiness they so bountifully give to others. Please say to her that her suggestions and beautiful example inspired my wife to imitate her in a small way in our Louisiana home, Lake Providence, where Mrs. Ransdell helped to organize a Sunshine Society that has done much to scatter its precious rays in that community.

I also desire to express my deep interest in the subject of Good Roads, which you are to treat in your June number. Good Roads are the greatest temporal blessing which can be bestowed on rural communities, and as such a large percentage of our people live in the country, you will be performing a noble task if you can arouse them to the vast importance of this subject. We proud Americans think we excel the Old World in everything, but many countries, such as France, England, Germany, etc., are as far ahead of us in good roads as we surpass the natives of an African jungle in civilization. Your magazine is entitled to high praise for its interest in these important subjects, and on behalf of humanity I wish to thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Jos E. Ransdell.

[In a personal letter to the editor, Congressman Ransdell paid a most beautiful tribute to his wife, which reveals so much of the Sunshine spirit that liberty is taken to publish the following extract therefrom.]

"As requested, I send under separate cover one of my portraits and also one of my wife. Would much prefer for you to publish her picture instead of mine, as she has really done and is doing most excellent Sunshine work. She organized the Lake Providence society, which is called "The Sunshine Sewing and Singing Society," and is deeply interested right now in a big festival for the society to be given on the 21st of April. Instead of spending the winter with me in Washington, she is staying at home to nurse her old mother, who is ill, and incidentally scattering all the sunshine she can."

Prof. Samuel Dickie, President Albion College and Well Known Prohibition Leader.

Mrs. Cynthia Westover-Alden, in her activities through the Sunshine Society, is doing a work of inestimable value. To bring cheer and joy and smiles to thousands of lives is no mean task, and for doing so much to put gladness into life, Mrs. Alden makes us her debtors. Your stand in Vick's Magazine for good homes and good wives and good husbands, for good roads and good hopes and good things in general, is sure to meet the approval of your many readers.

Samuel Dickie.

HON. J. L. SNYDER, President Michigan State Agricultural College.

Mr. James C. Bartholf, Dansville, N. Y.,

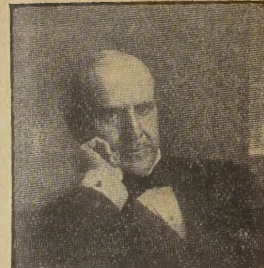
My dear Mr. Bartholf:

Your letter of the 11th inst. came duly to hand. I was glad to hear from you. I remember quite well the address you gave to our students. I note with pleasure the position which you now hold. I wish you great success in this undertaking and can assure you that we shall be glad to render you all possible assistance.

Very truly yours,
J. L. Snyder.

SUNSHINE AND WELFARE

OPINIONS WORTH WHILE BY WORTH-WHILE PEOPLE



HON. EUGENE V. DEBS

HON. JOHN C. CUTLER, Governor of Utah.

Complying with your request under date of March 9th, I take pleasure in giving my hearty endorsement to the aims and purposes of the International Sunshine Society. To the members of that Society, and especially to its worthy founder and President-General, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, I send greeting and sincere encouragement.

There is so much gloom and sorrow in the world,

ers but will do much to bring before them the necessity for a united effort on the part of all classes of citizens to obtain a general improvement of our public roads.

All efforts on the part of your magazine to educate the people, and particularly the rising generation, on this important subject, should have, and doubtless will receive the hearty co-operation of all progressive educators.

I shall be very glad, as you request, to prepare an article for the June number of your magazine.

Very respectfully,
L. W. Page,
Director.

Hon. Eugene V. Debs, Former Socialist Candidate for President.

The advance pages of Vick's Magazine, which you sent, are specially interesting and give promise of still further achievement in the field in which you have already won enviable distinction.

Most heartily do I congratulate Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society, and her many thousands of enthusiastic co-workers, upon the wide-spread recognition of their laudable mission and the rapid growth of their splendid organization. Mrs. Alden is peculiarly fitted by her rare ability, her education, and experience, to preside over the Sunshine movement and direct its destinies; she is endowed with all the qualities of head and heart to inspire her followers with her own ardor and enthusiasm, and the success already achieved augurs well for the future under her administration. To lift the fallen, help the weak, to cheer the despairing, to comfort the sorrowing, to spread the light in dark places, and reclaim the erring and unfortunate by the power of love, is the self-appointed work of the tenderest and most unselfish of souls, and deserving of the heartiest commendation.

The several articles in your "Human Welfare" department I have read with pleasure. Your attitude is broad and liberal, kindly and fair. The encouragement you give to unselfish effort to serve humanity especially appeals to me. That is the final and supreme test of worth. To consecrate one's self to social service, what can be purer, nobler, more sublime?

The social conscience of mankind is beginning to make itself felt and the time is coming when humanity will be so far advanced and so truly civilized that an injury to one will be felt by all and the happiness of each will be the concern of all.

Your Arbor Day number will doubtless meet with hearty appreciation. The observance of this day is not only a beautiful custom, but a wise arrangement and is sure to become increasingly fruitful of blessings to the people.

Eugene V. Debs.

ELIZABETH AKERS, the Noted Author.

I certainly do most sincerely congratulate Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden on the good she has done, is doing, and may hereafter do for the betterment and happiness of her fellow creatures; for I hope she does not leave out of her benevolent and merciful work the helpless and often shamefully abused creatures which men are pleased to call the "lower animals," although they often show noble qualities in which many men are deficient.

Respectfully yours,
Elizabeth Akers.

MR. J. HORACE McFARLAND, President American Civic Federation.

I have yours of March 12, and am glad to note that Vick's Magazine is giving attention to civic improvement subjects. I know this is good public work, and I believe it is good business, for the public is interested in improvement work of all sorts.

I regret that extreme pressure of work prevents the preparation of a statement for you upon the matter of school improvement, in which I am deeply interested and upon which I have been writing and speaking for many years.

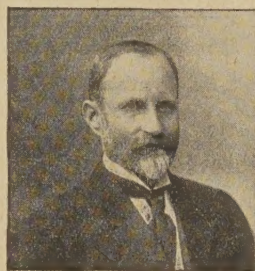
Wishing success to your efforts, and asking to be kept posted as to what is done, I am Yours truly,

J. Horace McFarland.

JEFFERSON THOMAS, Manager McFarland Publicity Service, Harrisburg, Pa.

We have noted your favor of the 16th in reference to the improvement of Vick's Magazine and congratulate you upon these evidences of more energetic policy for the future.

Yours very truly,
Jefferson Thomas.



Hon. J. E. Ransdell



Mrs. J. E. Ransdell

that people should gladly welcome an organization having as its aim the dissemination of cheerfulness. Optimism and happiness are of so close kin to the faith that "moves mountains" and to which "nothing is impossible," that they are worthy of our most enthusiastic encouragement. And this is especially the case when, as at present, a period of business depression is on. Therefore I was glad to give support, a few months ago, to the "Optimist Club," organized in Salt Lake City, and I am equally glad to give encouragement to the "International Sunshine Society."

I note with pleasure your determination to conduct the magazine of which you have editorial charge along the lines indicated in your editorial announcement. The evil that is in the world is always prone to come to the surface, and to engross our attention. The good, however, is worth seeking for; and the "pearl rake" is a better implement to work with than the "muck rake." The results arising from its use are much more pleasant and satisfactory. There are enough people using the latter implement; we need to have more "pearl rakers." Success to you in your efforts.

Yours very truly,
John C. Cutler,
Governor of Utah.

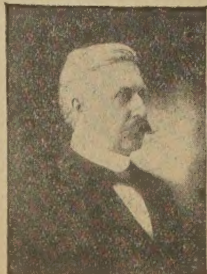
HON. OVERTON W. PRICE, Associate Forester, U. S. Forest Service

In Mr. Pinchot's absence, I want to assure you that the Forest Service is heartily in sympathy with your effort to bring the subject of forestry to the attention of School officials, in connection with Arbor Day, and is much interested to know of your plans for your May number. There is hardly anything more important than to spread, through the medium of our public schools, an intelligent knowledge of the vital importance of forestry to the Nation, and I believe that your effort will do much good in helping this work along. I wish you all success in it, and hope that your plan will receive a hearty response from the State Superintendents of Schools, as I do not doubt it will.

Very sincerely yours,
Overton W. Price,
Associate Forester.

HON. L. W. PAGE, Director U. S. Office Public Roads

I learn with pleasure of your intention to bring out a Good Roads number of your magazine in June, and I believe that it will not only be of interest to your read-



Pres. Samuel Dickie



Director L. W. Page



Pres. J. Horace McFarland

Hon. J. A. Hughes, Member of Congress from West Virginia.

It is certainly a great pleasure to extend greetings to an organization that is doing so much good as is the International Sunshine Society. Thus to drive away the clouds that overhang many lives and admit the sunshine of love, helpfulness, and good will thereto is indeed a noble work and should receive the unreserved commendation of all who delight in seeing men and women happy in this world.

It is also a satisfaction to note that one of our popular magazines is henceforth to be distinctively positive and progressive in its tone and policy and holds itself in an attitude to give all possible aid and encouragement to every truly worthy cause in the interest of human welfare.

I shall be greatly interested in watching the future career of Vick's Magazine, feeling confident that it will meet with phenomenal success through the intelligent carrying out of the excellent policy set forth in the March number.

Jas Hughes.

Hon. J. W. Murphy, Member of Congress from Wisconsin

Great, indeed, is the good being accomplished by the International Sunshine Society, of which Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden is president. She and her thousands of associate workers are certainly entitled to the cordial greetings, good will, and the commendation of all who have at heart the well-being of mankind. I have also been much interested in reading the editorial utterances of the March number of Vick's Magazine. You are on the right track. Much good work has been done the past few years in the effort to expose, overturn, and destroy certain social, civic, and economic evils, and now the time is fully ripe for the builders to appear upon the scene and rear, upon the ruins of our old-time temples to false deities, new and better fanes on whose entablatures shall be inscribed in letters of living light, truth, honor, justice, right. I am glad to note that at least one of our popular magazines of large circulation is to sound a rich, resonant note of confidence and hope; is to be positive rather than negative; is not going to croak, croak, croak month after month, but will boost, boost, boost everything that is worth boosting. Your editorial policy surely deserves the cordial support of all good citizens and I am confident the same will be given most generously. I heartily wish you the great success I firmly believe will come to you in your praiseworthy efforts to advance the common good and to promote human welfare.

J. W. Murphy.

Hon. Newton C. Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana.

(Evidently the editor's communication to Gov. Blanchard was not called to his attention until very late in March. Fearing the inability of a letter to reach this office in time, his Excellency sent the following telegram, which fully attests his heartfelt interest in Sunshine and Human Welfare.—THE EDITOR.)

Humanity owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Cynthia Westover-Alden and as General and director of its beneficent work, all the world wishes her and her army of co-workers God-speed.

Newton C. Blanchard.

PROF. B. E. FERNOW, Dean University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry.

The Forestry Quarterly is a strictly professional journal not intended for propaganda work, and hence you will hardly find any use for it. Its illustrations also are merely of a technical character, and hence would hardly be of use to you.

I recommend, however, your worthy efforts to bring forestry, and all that hangs upon it, home to the public.

Yours truly,
B. E. Fernow.

SARAH K. BOLTON, the well known Author

I like very much the hopeful and helpful attitude of your paper. I was greatly interested in the article about Mrs Westover Alden. I recall a pleasant talk with her in the Tribune office some years ago about kindness to our dumb friends, especially to lost and homeless dogs, and the excellent article that followed in the paper, doubtless at her suggestion. She took time to be courteous, kindly, and interested in the subject, and proved herself a friend to human and dumb as well.

I rejoice in an Arbor Day, a Bird Day, (and it ought to include all dumb animals) and in all that helps towards good citizenship. The good roads of England teach us a lesson. We are rich enough and civilized enough to have good roads all over America. Bad roads kill horses, spoil trade, and spoil the dispositions of those who travel on them.

Sincerely,
Sarah K. Bolton.

G. M. SLOCUM, Editor Motor Talk, Detroit.

I cannot resist from expressing my deep interest in and pledging my hearty support to so noble a cause as you are planning to push forward in your "Human Welfare" campaign in Vick's Magazine. The move is a most commendable one on your part and I am certain that thousands like myself will follow your progress with interest.

I also send a word of sincere appreciation to Mrs. Alden. Ample reward for so noble a life given to so



Hon. J. A. Hughes



Hon. R. L. Owen

sweet a purpose is certain. I can wish her no more than the success that must surely crown her efforts.

My best wishes to Vick's Magazine and every success to the new Editor, in any work he may take up.

Fraternally yours,
G. M. Slocum.

PROF. FRANK W. HOWE, Michigan State Agricultural College.

"Let a little sunshine in"—this is the remedy for many if not most of the ills that flesh and spirit are heir to. As the bacteria of physical disease are blighted by the touch of sunlight, so are the humors of melancholy and irritation dispersed by the radiance of a sunny smile of human sympathy. Godspeed the international brotherhood and sisterhood of Sunshiners and their worthy founders! Without question of creed or limitation of faith the whole world may join in the persistent purpose to smile a gentle word or kindly deed upon one's neighbor. Godspeed the Sunshiners and the large aims for human betterment that have enlisted the support of your able magazine.

Frank William Howe.

DR. BOOTHE COLWELL DAVIS, President Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

I am pleased to receive the advance pages of the April number of the Vick's Magazine which you have been kind enough to send me. I am particularly interested in the biographical sketch of Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society. It has been my pleasure to know Mrs. Alden very well for a number of years, and as an evidence of the high esteem in which she is held by the president and faculty of Alfred University, I may say that when she visited our college at commencement time in 1906, the University conferred upon her the honorary degree of Master of Literature. Mrs. Alden is therefore one of the most highly esteemed honorary alumae of Alfred University.

It is a great pleasure to me to extend to Mrs. Alden and to all members of the International Sunshine Society, through the courtesy of your magazine, a very cordial greeting and to express the profound regard I have for Mrs. Alden and the great movement inaugurated by her, the International Sunshine Society.

Furthermore, the Sunshine Society and its members have established a number of free scholarships in Alfred University and we are having every year young people in our college courses who are receiving the benefit of these scholarships. Sunshine has no more appreciative friends in the world than can be found at Alfred University.

Very truly yours,
Boothe C. Davis.

HON. ROBERT L. OWEN, United States Senator from Oklahoma.

Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden,
Care of Vick's Magazine,
Dansville, N. Y.

I wish you to receive from me assurances of my heartfelt appreciation of your services as the President-General and promoter of the International Sunshine Society. It is a great thing for the spirit of man to look through the clouds and to look through the dark shadows of the night and see the glorious sun whose beams envelop the earth and bathe even the clouds with everlasting sunshine. Those who stimulate this vision of hope, of faith, of knowledge, and promote it by such an organization as the International Sunshine Society are good angels, with whom I have the most earnest sympathy. I glory in your courage and in your pur-

pose. This is the spirit that meets every sordid, selfish element in life and disperses the clouds and doubts, and idealizes life.

Robt. L. Owen.

Editor Vick's Magazine,

I enclose a greeting to Mrs. Cynthia Westover-Alden, and the more than one hundred thousand members of the International Sunshine Society. I am delighted to know that you will have an Arbor Day Number for May and a Good Roads number for June. These are two matters of special interest to me. I am delighted to see the growth of public opinion favoring Good Roads and the planting of trees. The public press and especially the Magazines can render the most valuable service in promoting public knowledge and interest in these very important factors of our advancing civilization. With best wishes,

R. L. Owen.

MR. W. H. BLACK, Treasurer New England Automobile Journal, Providence, R. I.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date as well as advance pages of the March and April numbers of the Vick's Magazine. Your efforts are to be commended and your expressions will, we know, meet with the hearty approval and support of those who are looking for the welfare of all.

With best wishes for your continued success and regretting that we are not in a position to extend more substantial cooperation, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
Wm. H. Black.

W. G. HOLMES, Manager The Matilda Zeigler Magazine for the Blind.

I thank you for yours of the 14th inst. enclosing the advanced pages of the March and April magazine. I cannot imagine any grander work than that you have undertaken of interesting people at large in human welfare, and there is no telling the far reaching influence for good that you will exert.

I would like you to keep me posted from time to time on the success of your work. With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,
W. G. Holmes.

ADA BLENKHORN, Author of "Let the Sunshine In" and many other much loved Gospel Songs.

Darkness and light, shadow and sunshine, mark the turning of the pages of our daily life. Spiritual sunshine does for the heart of humanity, what the Sun in our sky does for the realm of nature. The night may be long and dark and sorrowful, but "Joy cometh in the morning."

To dispel life's clouds, to flood with blessed sunshine the shadowed spaces, this is the work of the International Sunshine Society, whose loved and honored President-General is Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, to whom, and to the thousand of members of the society, my heart-greeting is, God bless every one who makes sunshine for others.

Ada Blenkhorn.

HON. ELMER ELLSWORTH BROWN,

National Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

In a letter to the editor, among other things, Commissioner Brown said: "In some of our states the question of the improvement of the country schools hinges in a large degree upon the problem of good roads. I shall be glad to know of anything which may be done by your magazine, or through any other agency, for the promotion of these ends, which are of vital importance to the educational movement of the time."

MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE, Author and Poetess.

The publishers of VICK'S MAGAZINE are certainly to be congratulated, as well as their readers. Why?—because of securing reliable and readable information concerning the blessed work of the great army of Sunshine makers represented by Mrs. Alden, and because the policy of this magazine is an echo of the sentiments of this unique and philanthropic body. What so beautiful, so desirable, so needed in this dark old world, as sunshine? There are too many vultures and carrion hunters abroad, looking for a job. Yes, let us tell of good deeds and praiseworthy actions,—there are more than we know about, because virtue is like the violet,—modest and retiring. The policy of this magazine is to be commended. God bless the "gem rakes," and the gem-rakers; the world needs them.

Fraternally yours for sunshine,
Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle.

HON. WILLIAM E. CHANCELLOR, Superintendent of Schools, Washington, D. C.

Vick's Magazine can do a great deal for these beneficent things by helping to create a strong and wide-spread public opinion for betterment of all educational conditions including buildings, grounds, and gardening. And I am glad, indeed, to see you taking this matter up.

Faithfully,
William E. Chancellor.

Hon. Thos. C. Miller, State Superintendent, West Virginia.

I congratulate you upon the service you are rendering the public in this good cause (Forestry, Good Roads, and The School Beautiful), and shall hope to keep in touch with your magazine.

Thos. C. Miller.



Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton



Pres. Boothe C. Davis



Mrs. L. D. Avery Stuttle



AUNT MIRANDY'S EASTER BONNET

By Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuffie

THERE comes Aunt Mirandy, as sure as I live! We're in for it, girls! dear me! what ever are we going to do!" and the speaker, a tall girl, with dark, bright eyes and an imperious toss of the head,—Judge Thorpe's queenly daughter,—looked out of the window, while an ominous little pucker marred the fair brow.

"Wait, Bernice, do stand aside and let me get a peep, do—you're blocking the entire window," and Evelyn Thorpe gave her sister a mischievous pinch and a quick pull as she glanced hurriedly though

the tiny window of the pleasant alcove.

At once a silvery laugh rang through the hall. "Dear me! sure enough! there she comes—bag and baggage. Mercy preserve us, what a fright! do see the Easter bonnet, surely your new one will stand poor show beside this marvel. Madame Clymer could never duplicate such a creation as that—never!" and the thoughtless girl lifted her hands in mock despair.

"What is it, Evelyn?" called a soft, quiet voice from the doorway of the alcove, while the owner of the voice had just entered from the library.

"Why!" she exclaimed, peeping from the window at the withered little old figure hobbling up the path, with a huge carpet-bag in one hand and a dubious-looking umbrella in the other, "why, it's Aunt Mirandy! too bad, poor old soul! I'll hurry down and help her up the steps with her things; she looks all tired out." And Dolly Thorpe dashed out of the room and flew down the broad stairway with as much zest as though she were going to welcome the Princess Beautiful, with all her train.

Bernice Thorpe watched the fairy-like little figure of her gentle sister, as she flitted down the stairs, and her lip curled with a haughty smile:

"I don't see whom in the wide world that silly child takes after, Evelyn. I expect nothing on earth but she will disgrace the whole family one of these days, with her eccentricities. One never knows what she's going to do next. There she is at this moment, assisting that weather-beaten old fossil up the steps."

"Well, well, never mind, Bernice, dear, we ought to be willing to sacrifice something for the sake of getting the pattern for that bonnet!" and Evelyn Thorpe's silvery laugh rang out again.

"It's well enough for you to laugh, Ev, you always see fun in everything; but I have not forgotten that tomorrow is Easter, and Mr. St. Clair, the young lawyer, dines with papa. He will probably walk home from church with us, and I dare say our distinguished relative will insist upon accompanying us to church."

"Certainly, certainly; would you be so heartless as to deprive the innocent and unsuspecting members of Dr. Blair's church, of feasting their eyes on such a vision of beauty?" and the giddy girl, more thoughtless than cruel, more silly than heartless, laughed once again at her haughty sister's expense.

"Well, I don't see why she has to inflict herself upon us every single year, just because she happened to help papa to a few hundred years and years ago," and the imperious beauty, with an ill-tempered frown upon her handsome face, swept down the broad stairway.

In the great hall stood her sister, graciously assisting the new comer, who was the unconscious cause of all this trouble.

"How tired you must be, Aunt Mirandy," she was saying, "do let me take your wraps." And Dolly began removing the odious bonnet as carefully as though it were her own dainty one.

"Come into the sitting-room,—there's a fire in the grate,—and it's quite cool."

"Sure, sure, Dolly," said the old lady, meekly; "it grow'd colder after I sot out, and this here bumbazeen gownd haint none o' the comfortablest. It begun to mist, like, about a mild from here. I guess it must be two good milds from here to the depot, haint it Dolly?" and the talkative old lady carefully spread out her shabby, damp shawl over the backs of two dainty rockers. But Dolly Thorpe only smiled, and asked her guest if she would like to go up to her room, thinking that she would then have an opportunity of removing the damp wraps before Bernice or Evelyn came in.

"Oh, no, dearie; I haint no ways in a hurry; I

guess I'll lay down on the lounge a little while afore supper's ready. I haint a feelin' a mite well,—my neuralgia's pesterin' of me considerable this spring."

"Certainly, Aunt Mirandy; shall I fix the pillows?"

Just at that moment, Dolly Thorpe glanced up; she had heard a step in the hall, and someone was standing in the door. She was just spreading a rich, warm robe over the poor old body, when she encountered the dark, scornful gaze of Miss Bernice, and—there was a strange gentleman standing beside her, with his hat in his hand, and such kind, handsome eyes,—though Dolly was sure she discovered a twinkle in them, as his keen glance took in the panorama before him.

"Mr. St. Clair has arrived a day earlier than he expected, Dolly," explained Bernice; "perhaps it would be well for you to try your hand at entertaining him until papa comes in, while I see about lunch—that is," she added spitefully under her breath, "that is, if you can leave your interesting and intelligent patient long enough."

Poor Dolly only smiled quietly, and explained in a whisper that the old lady was a distant relative of her father's, and that this was only her annual visit. "She is quite a source of annoyance to Bernice, and Evelyn sees something very funny about her, but to she



seems a nice, kindly old lady,—I'm sure I feel it my duty to be good to her."

Miss Bernice felt decidedly uncomfortable to observe the look of admiration and approbation gather in Mr. St. Clair's expressive eye.

At that moment a clear voice rang through the hall, and a pair of mischievous brown eyes peeped through the curtain's as their owner, Miss Evelyn, sang mockingly:

"Poor old girl with her umberell,
Come to stay with the folks a spell,
Poor old chickadee, isn't she swell?

Isn't she fine indeed?

Isn't her Easter bonnet gay?

Old as Methuselah to a day,—

Crown'd on top with an old bouquet,—

Flowers all gone to seed."

That was all. Then the patter of slipp'd feet sounded in the hall for a moment, and the mocking, silvery laugh died away in the distance.

Bernice Thorpe was quite dismayed that Mr. St. Clair should have heard anything so undignified from her sister, and well she knew the mischievous and thoughtless girl was not aware that he was in the house. So she hastened to explain as she left the room:—

"Evelyn inclines to put everything into rhyme, but she'd no idea of your presence, Mr. St. Clair."

Other ears, however, than Mr. St. Clair's had heard the thoughtless song. The lonely old body on the couch had heard it, and a tear stole from the dim, faded blue eyes, and trickled down the wrinkled, pallid cheek. Dolly Thorpe's quick eye had seen that tear, and in her tender heart at once was born a resolution to befriend the old lady and to make her stay as pleasant as possible, and that, she should have an Easter bonnet to wear to church next day, which would furnish no mirth for her thoughtless sister.

The next two or three hours were busy ones for Dolly, but an ingenious brain, deft fingers, and a will-

ing heart can accomplish wonders. She thoroughly believed in the little verse from the good book, which she had learned in childhood.—

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," so that, late in the afternoon, a very happy girl stood in the sewing room, poising a neat, tasty bonnet on her fingers, while a trembling voice earnestly calling down blessings on the fair golden head.

"Well, Miss Dolly I don't see but you can make bonnets as well as your sister can sing songs in their honor," said a manly voice in the doorway.

Of course Dolly could only blush, and murmur something about its only being fun to play milliner; and Jack St. Clair thought he had never seen so fair a face or so graceful a form.

Aunt Mirandy made a very creditable appearance the next morning at church, thanks to the transforming skill of Dolly's cunning fingers. The church was beautifully decorated. The music was a success, and it seemed to Dolly that the Rev. Mr. Blair had never preached so effectively before. The sermon, from the text, "Behold he is not here, he is risen," was very earnest and tender. And as Dolly Thorpe listened, her heart grew warmer, and grateful tears shone in her blue eyes, that she had been able to minister to one of the least of his little ones.

Strange how events shape themselves—or rather—are shaped by the Mighty Hand which overrules the lives of the children of men. And so it came to pass that, in one short year, the pampered and petted daughters of Judge Thorpe were penniless orphans, thrown upon a cold world alone.

Bernice, the haughty, proud-spirited daughter of fortune, upon whose graceful shoulders had rested no burden or care, is earning her daily bread as a governess. Accustomed to regarding the poor as not far removed from the brute—indeed a "brother to the ox," she frets and pines over her unhappy state constantly. Sometimes she thinks of the handsome young lawyer, Jack St. Clair, whose affections she had at one time hoped to win.

Evelyn turned her musical ability to account, in earning a precarious living. Sometimes she, too, thinks regretfully of the past, and wonders why fate should have been so hard with them. She has quite forgotten the cruel song she sang—just for fun—only one little year ago, but the quiet, wise old lady to whom that heartless song came as a cruel revelation, did not forget, nor did she forget the loving kindness of the gentle, golden-haired girl whose tender thoughtfulness had made the lonely old heart rejoice on the never-to-be-forgotten Easter. Dolly Thorpe—tender-hearted Dolly—was turning her handy fingers to good account in a large millinery establishment.

One day there came a letter announcing the death of Aunt Mirandy, asking that the three sisters attend the funeral. The letter implied that there were some business matters to attend to, that the old lady had left a will, and was very desirous that her relatives attend the funeral. Bernice Thorpe's lip at once took on the old laughy curve:

"The ideal just as if she had anything to will to any body. I have no money to squander on the trip."

"Perhaps she has left us her old umbrella and her Easter bonnet," sneered Evelyn.

"I am going, girls; I think it is cruel to refuse to grant her last request. Poor old auntie. I can go; madame has just paid me last week's wages."

So that very afternoon found Dolly Thorpe spinning over the road to attend poor old Aunt Mirandy's funeral. The first person she met at the depot was Jack St. Clair.

"Why, Mr. St. Clair! I am surprised to see you here. We have not heard from you since poor papa—" and the sentence ended in a sob.

"I see your sisters have not come," he began; "I had hoped to see them as well as you. But perhaps it is as well; it may avoid some rather embarrassing details and some rather painful memories."

"I do not understand you,—really, Mr. St. Clair," stammered Dolly, her blue eyes opening wide.

"Let me explain, Miss Dolly," he began, rather enjoying her perplexity. "Of course you did not know that I was the attorney to whom your poor aunt entrusted all her business affairs."

"Business affairs—" echoed poor Dolly, more mystified than ever.

"Certainly; it was I who drew up her will just before she died, and I have the honor to inform you that Miss Dolly Thorpe is a rich woman."

"Mr. St. Clair! I, a rich woman! I can't understand it. Aunt Mirandy certainly never left me any money,—she was poor—poor—"

"Your aunt was quite eccentric, as the world calls it, and did not care to let her relatives know of her wealth. Her own wants were simple and her daily life quiet and obscure; she wished to have it so. But she could never forget the kindness of a certain little maiden, and she determined to reward it, and so—"

Well, we will draw a curtain over the rest of the story, and leave a little to the imagination of the reader. I will only add a fragment of conversation which occurred a few months later, between Jack St. Clair and his bride.

"Really, Jack, it seems all so strange. When did you first fall in love with me? do tell."

"I think it was the exact moment, my dear, when a golden-haired little maiden had just put the finishing touches to Aunt Mirandy's Easter Bonnet."

SUNSHINE IN SONG

SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD AND ITS AUTHOR—By Mrs. A. P. S. Stansbury

WERE a new canon to be promulgated, to the quiet, unassuming man of letters who is the subject of this sketch he must be accorded without challenge the title of "Patron Saint of Gardens."

What office could be closer or dearer to the universal heart? Human life and love began, as the old story tells us, in a Garden, and in all the millenniums since through the garden has been transmitted that "touch of nature" which "makes the whole world kin." The dwelling measures all grades between palace and hovel, but in the garden flourishes perennially the true democracy of the soil. Vines clamber and cling, pansies lift quaint fairy faces, roses fling their largess of color and fragrance, for the poor man as well as the rich. Bees, butterflies, and humming-birds, pilgrim sprites of the air, seek their mecca among the paths and borders where spring the sweet, common flowers dear to the children of the people.

To love flowers is one thing—no man who did not love them could be a poet,—but to know the methods of their life, the secrets of their bloom, to be en rapport with the delicate, elusive flower-spirit which must often be cherished and allured before it will consent to put on its beautiful garment of form,—this is quite another. It is this rarer sort of knowledge in which our poet excels.

It was only to be expected that the extent and scientific thoroughness of Mr. Rexford's studies should have earned for him his present enviable position as the foremost American authority in matters of floriculture. As such, his work is familiar to the readers of leading periodicals both east and west, with which he has been connected as floral department editor during the last twenty years. For fourteen years consecutively he served "The Ladies' Home Journal" in this capacity.

To have been so long a recognized teacher and inspirer along such lines of living beauty, is to have attained no small eminence, yet parallel with the course of this, Mr. Rexford's avocation, runs that of his vocation of pure literature.

Born in Johnsbury, N. Y., July 16, 1848, he removed with his father to Wisconsin, when eight years old. His literary tendencies discovered themselves at an early age. "Writing," he naively confesses, "always came easy to me."

His first essay in verse was published in a New York paper when he was fourteen, and at sixteen he received from the publishing house of Frank Leslie his first cheque in payment for literary work. For a time he wrote only in verse, but soon supplemented this with story-writing.

The facility and smoothness of Mr. Rexford's metrical work, together with his peculiar ability in choosing a theme at once simple and of universal human appeal, combined to make him an ideal song writer. While still very young, he had written a number of songs which were set to music by the well known composer, George F. Root, of Chicago. It was while a student at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, that he received from Mr. H. P. Danks, of New York, a request for some songs, with the offer of three dollars each for such as might prove available. In response he sent nine manuscripts, among them the now famous "Silver Threads Among the Gold." To quote Mr. Rexford's own half-humorous relation:

"I sent him nine. He paid me for six, and the other three I never heard from. One of the lot was 'Silver Threads.' So I do not know whether this was one of the paid-for songs or one of the three not paid-for, and it remains an open question as to whether that song brought me three dollars or nothing." But although the composition became so largely profitable in material returns to its publishers, it gained for its author no less real, though intangible rewards.

Mr. Rexford himself first heard the song under circumstances of peculiar interest. He writes:

"I went to hear the Oneida Indians from the reservation near Green Bay, at a concert they gave in Shiocton. One of their numbers was the song of 'Silver Threads Among the Gold,' which had just been placed on the market. I was not aware that it had been published until I heard it sung by these Indians."

"Silver Threads" was the first song by Mr. Rexford to achieve universal popularity. Its companion song, "When Silver Threads are Gold Again," had a good run but was not so pronounced a favorite.



verse and fiction. One beautiful long poem, "Brother and Lover," felicitously inscribed "To all Women, north and south, whose memory goes back to War Time," appeared in 1887 in a volume of nearly one hundred pages. The book tells a story of exquisite simplicity and pathos of the days

"When sorrow sat by every hearth, and tears
Were dropping swiftly like the sands that mark
The passing moments in the glass of time,"

and although never advertised or "pushed" in any way, has passed through a number of editions and is still selling.

Mr. Rexford's home in the quiet Wisconsin village of Shiocton, is rarely beautiful, embowered among the flowers he loves and by which he is congenially companioned. Here he leads the ideal life of the artist in words who seeks his inspiration from nature at first hand, choosing to hear only from afar the echoes of the great world of struggle and unrest.

"Let the Sunshine In"

By the Editor

It was the extreme good fortune of the writer, several months ago, to be one of an audience of over three thousand people who sang this gloriously inspiring hymn, with that prince of the baton, Prof. E. O. Excell, of Chicago, as precentor. No one in that large audience could fail to feel the thrill of life that comes only from the vitalizing force of true spiritual sunshine, when the clear, ringing tones of the leader reverberated through the vast auditorium "Let everybody sing!" and in cheerful compliance all, with beautiful, but thunderous melody, joined in the chorus:—

"Let a little sunshine in."

The many thousands of people to whom this hymn has brought much of good cheer and sunshine will certainly desire to know something about the two people to whom themselves and the world are indebted for "Let a little sunshine in."

The author of the words is Miss Ada Blenkhorn, of Cleveland, Ohio. She was born at Coburg, Ontario (former site of Victoria University, now of Toronto,) She received her education at the public schools and the collegiate institute of her native town. In 1884 with the other members of her family, she removed to Cleveland, where she has since resided.

About twelve years ago Miss Blenkhorn began to write song-poems. In a letter to the writer, in reply to questions as to her life experiences and career as a songwriter, she thus interestingly but modestly writes:—

"The success with which I have met is largely due to the kind, encouraging, and helpful words written me by the publishers of my hymns; but most of all do I owe my thanks to Him who has given to me this talent. The earthly source of my inspiration is my mother.

"I scarcely know what to give as 'incidents' that led to the writing of 'Let the Sunshine In.' I will simply state how I came to write it. This song was one of a number written for Prof. Charles

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Mr. Gabriel

Miss Blenkhorn

SUNSHINE AND FLOWERS

Just Between Ourselves



IN ASSUMING the editorship of this department, the writer feels like having a little personal and confidential talk with his readers before "getting down to business."

A good many years ago, when the old VICK'S MAGAZINE was edited by James Vick, the man who loved flowers as he loved the birds, and the children, and everything else that was beautiful, and good, and helpful, a boy who also loved flowers was one of its most interested readers. He had always loved flowers, but the magazine made him so enthusiastic over them that he set about growing them, simply because the editor of the little magazine infused into it a personality which was always keenly alive to the beautiful. What he was doing he interested others in doing, and from him the boy caught the contagion which resulted in the establishment of a little home garden. This garden flourished, and so many beautiful things grew in it that the boy, out of sheer delight in the work he had undertaken, could not help telling somebody about the new pleasure that had come into his life. Quite naturally he told this to the man who had influenced him to attempt the culture of flowers. He wrote to Mr. Vick about his garden, and some of the things he said pleased the past-master of flower-growing so much that his letter was given a place in the magazine, and he was asked to write more. He did so. The little garden furnished him, at first, with material. By and by a little greenhouse furnished more. And after a little the boy who began writing about flowers because he loved them became one of the regular contributors to VICK'S MAGAZINE. Between editor and contributor grew up a friendship that was full of helps and inspiration to the latter, and this friendship was only broken by the death of the man whose life was a beautiful one in all senses of the word. Though the boy never met Mr. Vick, personally, he felt, when the news of his death came, as if he had lost a near and dear friend, and to this day a sense of personal loss comes over him whenever he turns over the pages of the magazine into which James Vick injected so much of his delightful personality. To this man, more than anyone else, the grown-up boy attributes much of the success of his later life, along the line of work which had its beginning in VICK'S MAGAZINE. He has not forgotten,—he will never forget,—the wise counsel, the encouraging words, the all-around helpfulness by which this man who took pleasure in doing kind things made him his life-long debtor.

That boy was myself. Do you wonder that, in assuming control of this department in VICK'S MAGAZINE, it seems like coming home, after having been a long time away?

I do not believe it a wise policy to make extravagant promises for the future. I believe more in doing things that will win confidence, as one goes along. What one does counts for a great deal more than what one promises to do, for one cannot always live up to the spirit of a promise. If he does the best he can, he will get credit for it. It is always a relief to feel that no one can accuse you of falling short of what you said you would accomplish. Therefore the writer considers it wise to not hamper himself with any statement of intentions which may not be fully carried out. He desires to say simply this: "His aim is to make this department practical and helpful. He believes that flowers are preachers of beautiful sermons, teachers of all things that refine and uplift, and make men and women better, and, with this belief in mind, he hopes to do and say something each month that will help in the cultivation of them, and thus bring the sunshine of the gospel of beauty into the lives of others."

I believe in practicality, rather than in theory. I shall not theorize in this department. I shall not indulge in speculation. But I shall tell my readers about the flowers I grow, and how I grow them. I shall be ready, at all times to help them out of difficulties into which they have fallen, if I can do so. I shall hope to establish a relationship with them which will have as its basis the mutual love of flowers. If I do this, I shall feel that I have made friends of my readers, and what is more beautiful, more worth having than friendship?

I shall be very glad to hear from the readers of this department on all subjects of interest to the lovers and cultivators of flowers, indoor and out, the care of the home-grounds, and the making of home beautiful by means of shrub, and plant, and vine, and tree. Most persons who have had experience along these lines

have made little discoveries of "how to do things" which would help others, if they were told about them. Can't we have a column each month devoted to hints and suggestions and experiences of this sort? I would be pleased to receive short, practical letters containing just this kind of information.

The Question Box feature will be continued. In it I will answer any question submitted to the best of my ability. If your plants fail to give the satisfaction you think they ought to give, tell me about it. Tell me how you have cared for them, and perhaps that will give me a clue to what is wrong. I have worked among plants a good many years, but I don't know all about them yet. I am learning something new every day, but from what I have already learned I may be able to help those who are in difficulty, and I want every reader to feel perfectly free to ask advice. Not every inquiry may be answered individually, but I shall aim to have the information asked given somewhere in the department, therefore, if those who ask do not find a personal reply in the magazine, will they kindly do me the favor to read through the department in search of what they want to know. Space is limited, you know, and we must condense as much as possible. If one reply can be made to answer for several inquiries, each inquirer will find in it the knowledge he or she was in search of just the same as if each inquiry were given a separate answer, and the space saved by "composite" answers can be devoted to matters of general interest.

I want to get perfectly in touch with my readers. I can only do this by the means of correspondence along the lines touched on. I want all flower-lovers to think of this department as a home which they can "drop into" whenever they feel in the mood, by sim-

ply pulling the latch-string, which will always be out. Pull it, please.

"Scatter sunshine" is a good motto to live up to. I believe it possible to make this department the sun-parlor of the magazine. Let's aim to do it.

Most cordially,
Eben E. Rexford.

What to Do in April

Not much actual work can be done in the out-door garden this month, at the north. But a good deal can be done towards getting ready for active work as soon as the weather becomes favorable and the ground is in proper condition.

I believe in planning things. Your garden may be small, but it will pay you to think over the arrangement of it in advance. "Making garden" doesn't consist simply in spading up a bed and putting seed into the ground. Thought should be given to the arrangement and location of each kind of flower you make use of. The hap-hazard location of any plant is likely to do it injustice, and the whole garden suffers in consequence. Make a mental picture of your garden as you would like to have it, and then go over the material you have to work with, and try to find the proper place for each flower. Study up on habit and color, and season of bloom, and you will not be likely to get things in the wrong place, as you will be almost sure to if you do not give considerable thought to this matter. There should be orderliness and system in the garden as much as in the home, and this can only come by knowing your plants well, and so locating them that each one of them will have the opportunity to make the most of itself.

Beds can be spaded as soon as the frost is out of the ground. But do not attempt to do anything in the way of pulverizing the soil until sun and air have had a chance to exert their mellowing influence on it. If ground is worked over when wet, it dries out into small clods. What should be aimed at is that perfect pulverization which makes clod and lump impossible. This can only be accomplished after the soil has parted with the excessive moisture consequent on melting snows and spring rains. Let it lie as thrown up by the spade for several days, before attempting to reduce it to that fine, mellow state which puts it in the right condition for the reception of seed.

In buying seed, buy only the best. How am I to know which is best? does some one say. To which I reply, by purchasing of seedsmen who have built up a reputation for honesty, and fair dealing, and the reliable quality of everything they handle. Such men must live up to the reputation they have made for themselves. They never misrepresent. They never send out inferior seed. They may charge a little more for their seed than some of the "cheap" dealers do for theirs, but you can be sure of getting your money's worth every time. And that is something you are never sure of if you patronize irresponsible parties.

I always advise buying seed in which each color is kept by itself. Mixed collections give you a little of everything. It stands to reason that beds planted with seed of this kind must often lack that harmony of color which is so important a factor in gardening. True, seed in which each color is by itself costs more than mixed seed, but not very much more. I would advise dropping off a package or two, if necessary, in order to bring the purchase within a stated amount, rather than investing in mixed seed. A better plan is for several persons in the neighborhood to club together and order distinct colors and varieties, and divide the seed between them. In this way cost can be reduced, and quality be kept up to a high standard.

Shrubs can be reset the latter part of this month. Prune them sharply when this is done. Remove all defective roots. Make the soil in which you plant them mellow and rich, and have the hole large enough to admit of spreading out their roots naturally. If new shrubs are planted, be sure to keep their roots moist after receiving them from the nursery. Spread moss, or old carpeting, or a mulch of damp leaves over them after removing them from box or bundle. If their roots have dried at the tips, cut off the end smoothly with a sharp knife before planting. New feeding roots will start much sooner if this is done than they will from the dried ends.



The Window Garden

Perennial plants can be set or removed, and old clumps can be divided. This can be done to best advantage before growth begins. If care is taken, and old plants are lifted with a large amount of earth adhering, they will not suffer noticeably by removal. If they are divided—as most four or five-year-old clumps ought to be—cut away all but the strongest and newest roots. Plants so treated will not bloom as freely this season as those which are undisturbed, but next season they will give flowers so superior in every respect that you will be convinced of the wisdom of frequently dividing your old perennials. Make the soil in which you set them very rich. If the season happens to be a dry one, water well to assist them in getting a good start. But, as a general thing no watering will be needed with plants set this month.

There will be considerable work to do in the window-garden. Plants which have completed their flowering should be gradually dried off. By that I do not mean that they should be allowed to get really dry, but that the supply of water should be considerably reduced. We do not aim to encourage growth with these plants



Gloxinias

at this season. Rather to make them dormant. Many of them can be cut back sharply, especially such kinds as renew themselves readily.

Pelargoniums ought to be coming into bloom. Keep them in a cool place, but give them full benefit of the sun. Apply some reliable fertilizer once a fortnight. Keep on the lookout for aphids. If this insect attacks them, shower promptly with nicotine extract.

Repot old fuchsias which are expected to bloom during the summer. Give them a rich, porous soil, with good drainage, and then water with great liberality. Never let them get dry at their roots. If drainage is what it ought to be, there need be no fear of injury from over-watering. At the time of repotting, cut old plants back sharply. Make them renew themselves as completely as possible, if you want them to be most satisfactory. Shower the foliage frequently. Pinch off the ends of the strongest branches to encourage the productions of side-shoots, and make the plants bushy and compact.

Go over your collection of geraniums and mark those you do not care to make use of in the house for another season. These can be transferred on the garden by and by, where they will be quite likely to flower well the greater part of the season, if cut back somewhat when put out.

If you have some choice old plants, which seem to have exhausted themselves and outlived their usefulness, make cuttings from the strongest of the new wood from which to perpetuate the variety. But do not attempt to perpetuate anything that is inferior. We have so much, now-a-days, that is well worth growing, that we cannot afford to give up space in window-garden or the home grounds to anything that does not have positive merit.

Gloxinias and tuberous begonias should be started into growth at once. Lay the tubers in rich moss or damp cloths until sprouts appear. If this is done, you are sure to get them right side up. Give them a light, spongy soil with some sand in it.

I would like to urge the lover of fine flowers to give the tuberose a trial this season. If she does, the roots should be procured at once, and started in pots of rich, sandy soil. Before planting them, examine the base


of the tuber, and if any of last year's roots remain, shave them off with a thin-bladed, sharp knife. If the tubers are planted without doing this, the old roots are likely to decay, and this condition may be communicated to the tuber. Tuberose require a long season to develop in, and out-door planted ones seldom mature, as planting in the open ground can not be done until the weather becomes settled and warm. This is an excellent flower to grow through the summer in pots for the autumn decorations of window-garden and greenhouse. Pot-started plants should not be turned out into the garden before the first of June.

Examine such tubers as dahlia, canna and caladium, to make sure they are keeping well. If any of them show signs of decay isolate them from sound roots at once. Sometimes they can be saved by cutting away the diseased part. Dust the cut over with fine sand. But if badly affected destroy them. It used to be thought absolutely necessary to start dahlias into growth in the house, early in the season, in order to secure a good crop of flowers from them. But this is no longer done. Early-started plants, nine times out of ten, will be so weak and spindling by the time it is safe to put them in the ground that they can not stand the change without injury. Therefore nothing is gained by early starting. If the dry tubers are put directly into the ground where they are to bloom, about the first of June, and the young plants are well fed, you will get just as early flowers from them as you would from tubers started in pots in April.

If you have no stock of dahlias on hand do not fail to order some for the coming season's use. We have so many varieties, now-a-days, that all tastes can be








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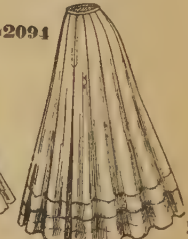
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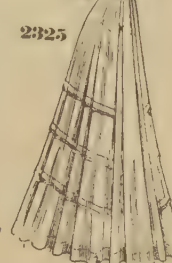
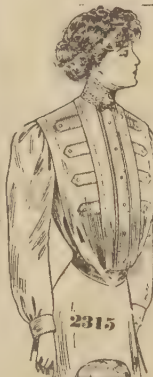
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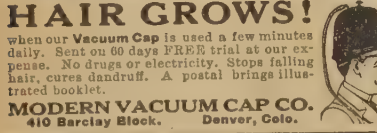
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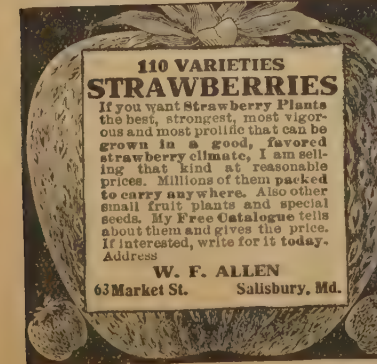
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Every year we hear that the separate waist, made in an entirely different color and material from the skirt, is to be a thing of the past, yet with the return of every season it is just as popular as ever, and the present one is no exception to the rule.

The first illustration (2319) portrays one of the newest designs for the everyday waist. It is strictly tailor-made in design, and though very simple, is extremely stylish. It is adaptable to chambray, linen, duck, or any of the fancy cotton shirtings in stripes, checks or broken plaids. Four wide tucks on each shoulder, nearly the bust line, give the required fullness to the fronts, and these tucks continue to the waistline in the back.

The narrow shawl or turn-over collar is of the material, and the removable chemisette is of the same material as the waist, or of white linen or all-over embroidery. The full length sleeves are gathered into stiff cuffs, fastened with links, and the model is double-breasted, fastening with small smoked-pearl buttons. For 36 bust the shirt-waist requires 5 yards of material 20 inches wide, 4 yards 27 inches wide, 2 3/8 yds. 36 inches wide, or 2 1/2 yards 42 inches wide. The pattern No. 2319 comes in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches, bust measure.

The second waist (2327) is designed for more dressy wear, during the afternoon or early evening hours, and it would make up well in plain or embroidered batiste, one of the new dotted Swisses, "Eflure" the new washable voile, or in taffetas, srah silk, or China silk or satin messaline or marquisette. The original model was developed in pale mauve marquisette. The shaped yoke was of all-over cream color Valenciennes lace, and this was banded by narrow insertions of Cluny lace. The body portion was attached to this yoke by groups of narrow tucks, these being separated by bands of wide Cluny insertion, and the full sleeves, were trimmed to match and finished with insertion and edging. The Mikado sleeve-bands were of the wide and narrow insertion, and the high collar was finished by a band of the narrow insertion. For 36 bust the waist requires 4 3/4 yds. of material 20 inches wide, 3 3/8 yds. 27 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 36 inches wide, or 2 yards 42 inches wide; as illustrated, 3/4 yard of all-over lace 18 inches wide, 8 3/4 yards of wide insertion, 8 yards of narrow insertion, and 1 yard of edging. The pattern No. 2327 is in sizes—32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches, bust measure.

The pretty jumpers which are worn quite as much as the separate waists, with skirts of white flannel, mohair or thin serge for afternoon or informal evening wear are slightly different in design this season. One of the prettiest and most popular is shown in 2323. The material used in its development is cotton voile, in an invisible blue-and-white check. The fronts, back and wide kimono sleeves are trimmed with insertions of filet lace, and

the girdle is made of the material and lace. It is also an excellent model for linen, pique or chambray, worn over a plain white lawn shirt-waist or slip, trimmed with English embroidery and worn with a skirt of their own material they make an attractive costume for morning or afternoon wear during the Summer. For medium size the Jumper

requires 3 3/4 yards of material 20 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 27 inches wide, 1 3/4 yard 36 or 42 inches wide; 3 3/4 yards of filet insertion to trim. The pattern No. 2323 is in sizes—Small, Medium and Large.

The Childrens' models shown are all stylish and suitable for the present time as well as during the coming Summer. The first one (2312) is capable of many combinations in both color and materials, and is particularly becoming to the growing girl, being simple in construction and becoming when worn. Bright turquoise-blue Indian-head cotton or chambray was used for the original model. The full skirt is attached to the waist, under the belt, and the tie is of black satin taffetas. For a girl of 8 years, the dress as illustrated, requires 3 3/4 yards of material 27 inches wide, 7/8 yard of contrasting material 27 inches wide, 1/2 yard of silk 20 inches wide for the tie, and 1 1/4 yd. of ribbon to trim chemisette; or of one material it needs, 4 yards 27 inches wide, 3 3/4 yards 36 inches wide, or 3 yards 42 inches wide. The pattern 2312 is in sizes—6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

The second frock (2316) is very dainty, and may be made with high or Dutch square neck. It is developed in fine dimity flowered with small red cherries and their foliage. The full waist is made with a wide tuck on each shoulder, which gives the required fullness to the front. It is gathered into the upper edge of the narrow belt, and the full sleeves may be made in full or three-quarter length and are gathered into narrow bands of the material. The short skirt is gathered to the lower edge of the belt and is finished by a deep hem. Bands of English embroidery outline the Dutch neck. For a child of 6 years the dress requires 3 3/4 yds. of material 27 inches wide, 2 1/4 yards 36 inches wide, or 2 3/8 yards 42 inches wide, with 1 yard of insertion to trim. The pattern No. 2316 is in sizes—2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

The attractive all-over coat (2308) is developed in thin cream white serge. The body portion which is very full, is box-plaited into the square yoke and finished with a deep hem. The shaped cape falls in points at the front and back, and over back shoulder, and this, as well as the turn-back cuffs are trimmed with a double quilting of narrow satin taffetas ribbon. The turn-down collar is finished with a single row of similar quilting. The pattern is adaptable to heavy linen and pique and if made in these materials, embroidery insertions and edging should be used instead of the ribbon. For a child of 3 years the coat requires 4 3/4 yds. of material 20 inches wide, 2 1/2 yds. 36 inches wide, 2 1/4 yds. 42 inches wide, or 1 3/4 yard 54 inches wide; 10 1/2 yds. of ribbon to trim. The pattern No. 2308 is in sizes—1, 3, 5 and 7 years.

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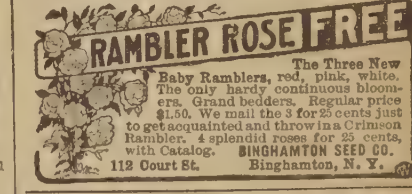
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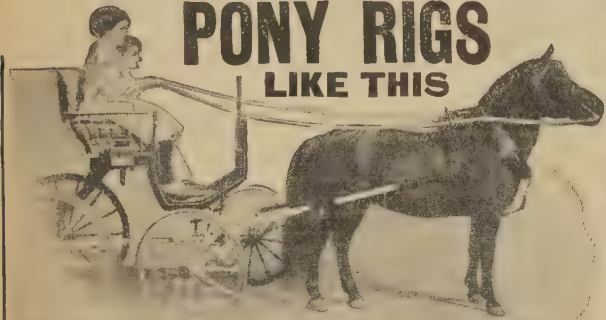
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THE PANSY PRINCE

A Fairy Tale

By Rena L. Hamilton

On the border of the kingdom of Pansyland, dwelt a little Pansy youth. His mother had died when he was an infant. He inherited from her a very sunny disposition, which shone in his beaming face. His father, the Black Prince, as he was called by the inhabitants of Fairyland, was a very studious person—quite unlike his brother, the king. King Goldface did not know much, but he had a good, true heart and was a kind ruler to his people. The inhabitants of this country were of quiet and happy dispositions, and had it not been for trouble with some neighbors of Roseland, they would have lived peaceful lives. The roses, unlike the pansies, were a vain, frivolous race, caring for nothing save pleasure.

In Pansyland were many famous institutions of learning, over which the most perfect pansies of the kingdom presided. Here was where the saying, "Pansies for thoughts," originated. Here in a beautiful leafy temple, while listening to the discourses of the wise-visaged sages, clad in their black, yellow, and purple robes, the little Pansy Prince first heard of Fairyland. At night when his nurse tucked the blades of green grass about him and tried to put him to sleep, he insisted that she tell him of this new country of which he had so often heard. Finding all things else unavailing, she finally sang him to sleep with the songs of the little elves having gossamer wings and wands of magic,—the people of Fairyland.

The Pansy Prince had slept for many hours, and the moon was high in the heavens, when a terrible war-cry awakened the inhabitants of Pansyland. It was an invasion by the Roses from Roseland. Arrayed in red roses and armed with thorns, their faces flushed with the thought of certain victory, the pitiless Roses possessed themselves of the peaceful kingdom, tore down its temples and laughed in derision as the learned Pansies fled without resistance. The Pansy Court with its tulip domes and its blue-bell chimes was laid waste, and the wicked Roses vowed that should King Goldface be captured they would burn him in the fire of the cardinal flower. The Pansy Prince had just sufficient time to fly for safety into a dense forest, where he soon became lost and lay down to sleep in a bed of violets.

In the morning, awakening with the birds, the Pansy Prince threw back his coverlid of blue; washed the sleep from his eyes with a dash of dew from a buttercup, then bowed to the sun, and said: "Good morning, Morning Light, I thank thee for making the world so beautiful."

Hardly had he spoken when there appeared before him a tiny being. She was clad in white, wore butterfly wings, and carried in her hand a star-tipped wand fashioned from the sting of a golden bee. "My little friend," she said, "I am the fairy called Thistle-down. Upon my last visit to your uncle's kingdom I heard you speak so kindly of the fairies that I requested our Queen to permit you to visit Fairyland. I am to lead you, if you will, to that realm of light." At this she waved her wand. The hillside where they stood opened inward like a door, and they heard the sound of distant music. Beckoning the youth to follow, she bravely led the way into the cavern, from whose wall sparkled millions and myriads of rainbow-colored lights. In a moment the Pansy Prince found himself kneeling before a throne where sat Titania, the beautiful Queen of the Fairies. Titania spoke words of cheer and bade the Prince follow where-

ever Thistle-down should lead him. Expressing profound thanks, the Prince arose and walked backward, as was the custom of the court, out of the presence of the Queen. Thistle-down then led him to the workshop of the fairies. Here some were coloring delicate fabrics with paint made from the petals of roses; others were mixing wonderful water-colors distilled from drops of dew. Dozens of little sprites were making diamonds from petals; while others were changing bits of sky into sapphires and amethysts. Many were distilling emeralds from leaves of forest trees, and a few were making wigs from maiden-hair ferns. Some wrought rubies from tears of pain; some fashioned pearls from tears of joy, and a few, with tireless skill, fashioned garnets from the blood of heroes. Next, the Pansy Prince was led into the sewing room of the fairies, where scores of little seamstresses plied their needles. "These gowns," said Thistle-down, "are for the royal family." "This one," she said, pointing to a beautiful silver satin, brodered with pearls, "is for the King of one of the flower lands. I think it is for the King of Pansyland." The Pansy Prince gazed with intense interest. Beside the gown he saw a crown of crystallized moonbeams delicately wrought and studded with pearls.

Thistle-down then led him into the chapel of the fairies. Here a Jack-in-the-pulpit was finishing what had evidently been a very long and tiresome sermon. Nearly all of the fairies, weary with their frolic of the previous evening, had fallen asleep, but they all woke up when a chime of harebells began to ring the doxology.

The Pansy Prince requested Thistle-down to lead him where the regiment of fairy soldiers was drilling. He watched them practice at fencing with blades of grass for swords, and observing how clever they were in the art of war, he requested their general to send a detachment back with him to Pansyland to make war upon the barbarian Roses. The request was granted, and the Pansy Prince, bidding a hasty adieu to Queen Titania, set out with his new found forces to recover the lands of his uncle, King Goldface, from the hands of the enemy.

At the sight of the gay banners and waving plumes of the fairy phalanx, the roses fled in terror, leaving the King of Roseland and his beautiful daughter behind them as captives. The Pansy Prince treated the Rose King with respect, and extended the Princess of Roses especial favor, but his heart was sad, for he found that his father and his uncle, King Goldface, had been slain. And now the wise-eyed Pansy counselors of the former king pressed a crown upon the prince and asked him to rule them.

The day of the coronation was set. Queen Titania sent the Pansy Prince the beautiful robe he had seen in Fairyland for a coronation gift. The crown was put upon his head, and all the assembled fairy soldiers lifted up their swords and shouted, "Long live the king." The new king's first act was to pardon the King of the Roses; and it is written in the records of Pansyland that his next act was to marry the beautiful Rose Princess who had formerly been his captive. Whether this is true or not I cannot say, I only know that the Roses and Pansies have ever lived in peace, even to this day.

There is hope for every lad and lassie who is always asking questions.

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The Fine Art of Gardening



BY APP M. SMITH

STARTING EARLY PLANTS

The month of April is peculiarly the month in which the foundation of the summer supply of vegetables is laid. If you want early lettuce, start your seed growing now, either in a box in the window or in a hot house, if you have one. And if you have one convenient for the purpose, make a sloping frame three feet square or more, a foot high on the north end, and six inches high on the south, draw a yard of cloth over it, paint the cloth with a pint of boiled linseed oil, and plant your seed under it. The April sun will make it "red hot" under the frame, and your seed will grow faster under it than it would outdoors in May. Most any kind of plants will grow under this frame, and be three weeks earlier than you can get them outdoors. Tomatoes, peppers, parsley, beets, onions, celery, asters, pansies, and, in fact, any kind of plant can be made to come early under such a frame. Try it this spring and see if you do not find plant raising easy.

THE BEST CULTURE PRODUCES THE BEST RESULTS

Intensive culture of the farm, garden, or flower-bed is one of the most important points to be observed in the cultivation of the soil. It means that the ground shall be as thoroughly fertilized as possible, cleanly cultivated, and all the possible means of making the soil produce its highest and best crop be resorted to. Keep the weeds down, for they rob the crop of a part of that which it grows upon. Stir the soil often, for that means absorption to fertilizing elements from the air, and the drawing up from below, by capillary attraction, of more moisture which the plants must have to make them grow. The prettiest pansies, the brightest asters, the most gorgeous chrysanthemums, and the deepest colored violets, as well as the big pumpkins and squash are all produced alone by the most intensive culture.

HOW TO GET SOME EARLY GREEN PEAS

The usual time to plant green peas in the latitude of southern Michigan is April 10, in that of northern Michigan, April 25. Everybody loves green peas, and they love everybody; for, in spite of the common idea that they are unhealthy, they are, nevertheless, when just right for eating, one of the most nutritious foods raised in the garden. In fact, they are so delicious that we always take a little trouble to get some earlier than our neighbors, and we will tell you how to do it. Make a frame, such as we have described in this issue for raising plants, and start some peas to growing under that. Cut strips of sod three inches wide and as long as your frame will take. Turn these strips of sod upside down, plant peas in the sod by making holes in it with a round stick, and dropping the peas in the holes.

The heat from the sun will be sufficient on the finish of April to start the peas to growing. About three or four weeks, or as soon as the frost is well out of the ground, take off your frame, slip these strips of sod, with the peas growing in them, onto a board and take them out in the garden. Make a furrow and put the strips of sod in the furrow and cover up, leaving the growing peas standing out of the soil. You can get green peas two weeks earlier than your neighbor in this way.

CROSSING PLANTS

A Study Both Curious and Interesting

Some very curious and interesting experiments may be made by those who love to study garden science in the work of crossing flowers and vegetables. Those who suppose there is nothing new to be

found in this field of research are very much mistaken. In fact, comparatively speaking, there is but little known in this field of exploration. Some of those who have made the subject a life study, have picked up a few results which may be obtained by following specific directions, but what is known as sports in the vegetable and flower kingdom are always appearing and reappearing to mystify and perplex us and demonstrate the falsity of many well-settled conclusions. Two different kinds of strawberries may be crossed and new kinds produced, but no man can tell us exactly what the product will be like. A common field bean may be planted and the seed saved and planted again, but although there might not have been another bean raised within miles of that one, new kinds of beans will generally be found in the lot. These new kinds may come from the original seed several generations before. The beautiful wax beans, so well known to gardeners, have never yet been free from green pods here and there, no matter how carefully one may have watched to prevent mixing with others. The tendency established by the old parent away back to the time "when the memory of man runneth back not to the contrary," may come out and show itself after years of absence. Tomatoes have been propagated from cuttings off a well-established variety, and yet two different kinds of tomatoes produced, evidently the result of the original crossing of two different kinds in the parent plant. Experiments in squashes are very interesting. Plant two kinds in the same patch and take one of the fruits from each vine and plant the seed the next year and see what a variety of squash you will have. No work in the garden will interest and teach children more than a few experiments along these lines. The deep interest which they will show in the work is surprising. Try it.

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BY MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

From the South came April, fair,
Wreaths of crocus in her hair,
Robed in dress of brown and green,
Like a fairy, Orient queen.

From the North, with cheeks aglow,
Clad in robes of fleecy snow,
Boisterous March came puffing by
Neath the gray and cloud-wrapped sky.

April, smiling, greeted him,
Then at once her eyes were dim,—
Fickle she, as well as fair,—
Then she tossed her glorious hair,
Wept and smiled and wept again,
Breathing soft o'er hill and glen.

Wherefore, April, dost thou weep?
See! the flowerets spring from sleep;
Hark! the wood begins to ring
With the melody of spring;
Nature doth not always sleep,—
Wherefore, April, dost thou weep?

"If I weep not," April cries,
Glancing up with starry eyes,
"Fragrant blossoms would not spring,
Pretty birdlings would not sing;
I must smile, and I must weep
Till the flowerets wake from sleep,
Till the cold earth, brown and sere,
Feels each warm and humid tear,
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The Wealth of Health

BY THE EDITOR

SUNLIGHT AS A HEALTH GIVER

The choicest of all God's blessings is the sunlight. It is given to all, without distinction. "He maketh his sun to shine on the evil and on the good." Where the sun shines, life and light abound, the plants and trees are rich in foliage, the birds sing, and the animal world is full of power and energy. Where there is darkness, gloom and death prevail. If we put a plant in a dark cellar, where there is but a small aperture to admit the light, it will lose its strength and color, and will use all its vitality in growing out toward the light.

Sunlight is the strongest purifier and the greatest health-giver we have. Why, then, do so many people do their best to exclude it from their dwellings? Blinds, shades, and curtains are used to keep it out. I have met some housewives who seem to think it a calamity to admit a ray of sunlight into their parlors or sitting-rooms. As one enters a house from which the sunlight is thus excluded, a damp, heavy atmosphere greets him; all life and freshness seem gone. Is it any wonder that women and children who have to pass their days in such homes are pale and sickly? Sunlight is the best cosmetic for a poor complexion, the best medicine for a weakly body, and an excellent tonic for a troubled mind. Let us no longer keep sunlight out of our homes and lives.

SUNSHINE AND DISEASE

Sweetness and light go together, says the "Leisure Hour," like darkness and disease. Everyday experience teaches us this, and proves true the Italian proverb which says, "Where the sun does not enter, the doctor does." The sanitary powers of sunshine have long been recognized by the people of many nations, though the "why" and the "wherefore" of the action have not been understood. It was left to Professor Marshall Ward to prove that the hygienic effects were due to the direct destruction of bacteria by certain light rays, and not by heat rays. It has lately been proved that the bacillus of the bubonic plague at Bombay, though very hardy, succumbs to the influence of light. In fact, sunshine appears to be its most powerful natural enemy, two or three hours' exposure to the solar rays being sufficient to destroy it. We are thus given another proof that sunshine in the houses and streets is as essential to the health of a city as cleanliness.

VALUE OF MOSAIC HYGIENE

Probably few persons know that the Jews are longer-lived than any other civilized race.

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This difference is practically maintained throughout life. At the end of five years, only 13,844 Jewish children out of the 100,000 will have died; while out of a similar number of English children, 24,679 will have joined the great majority, and America will have 26,912 deaths. At fifty years of age the deaths will have been 26,519 Jews, as compared with 49,079 English; and at sixty-five the mortality returns will stand at 37,442 and 66,110 respectively. But the full force of the comparison is hardly seen until extreme old age is reached. At eighty-five years 25,135 of our 100,000 Jews will be living, while the survivors of the English band will be but 5,566.

CARE OF THE TEETH

Many dollars may be saved and much ill health prevented by taking proper care of the teeth. Writing on this important subject in the "Pacific Health Journal," Dr. F. B. Moran makes the following excellent suggestions:

"Use a soft brush and tepid water. Brush the teeth thoroughly upon rising in the morning and after each meal. Use a good tooth powder twice a week. Precipitated chalk makes the very best tooth powder, and is absolutely harmless, and

will clean the enamel without injuring the gums. A little wintergreen may be added to give a pleasant flavor, but will in no way improve the chalk.

"Avoid all dentifrices that foam in the mouth, as all such contain soap, which injures the gums without cleaning the teeth. A teaspoonful of listerine in half a glass of water makes an excellent wash to use after meals; it is a good antiseptic, sweetens the breath by destroying odors emanating from diseased teeth, and is good for sore gums. Coarse, hard brushes and soapy dentifrices cause the gums to recede, leaving the dentin exposed."

MORALITY OF HEALTH

There is a broad sense in which disease is certainly immoral. In many cases, perhaps in most, its victims are clearly unfortunate; but there are instances in which disease is the result of carelessness or ignorance so gross as to be really criminal and sinful. These forms of disease are also often more or less contagious. All filth diseases are contagious. It is an accepted saying that cleanliness is next to godliness. If that is true, it is not too much to say that uncleanness is next to ungodliness; and that when it results in the spread of disease, it is ungodliness. In this sense it is surely true that there is a morality in health and an immorality in ill health.

HUNGER CURE

Medical journals are of late giving not a little attention to the "hunger cure." To the unsophisticated, it would seem that the very best of cures is a sufficiency of good, wholesome victuals, carefully and intelligently prepared by a good housewife, and partaken of about the family board in an atmosphere thoroughly surcharged with those most excellent of all tonics, cheerfulness and love. Scientists may experiment, and doctors may philosophize as to "water-starvation cures," etc., ad infinitum, and never discover a remedy so effective as a "hunger cure" as that herein given. Try it.

IMPROPER EATING

Sir Henry Thompson is authority for the statement that more than half the disease that embitters the middle and latter part of life is due to avoidable errors in diet; and that more mischievous, in the form of actual disease, or impaired vigor, and of shortened life, accrues to civilized man from erroneous habits of eating than from the habitual use of alcoholic drink. In view of the enormous evils resulting from the use of alcoholic liquors, the concluding opinion of this eminent man should arouse the indifferent, and cause the careful to be more careful in matters of diet.

CAUSE OF GRECIAN BEAUTY

Throughout ancient medical writings, certain exercises are prescribed for particular diseases. Much of the healthful, buoyant capabilities of the mind for which the Greek race are remarkable, as well as their supple and beautiful physical development, which no other race has ever equaled, is due to their appreciation of, and love for, the exercises of the gymnasium. Obesity was unknown among them; the form remained erect and elastic until past the age of seventy. They were strangers to melancholy, sunny in disposition; neither suicide nor insanity found victims among them.

NO MICROBES THERE

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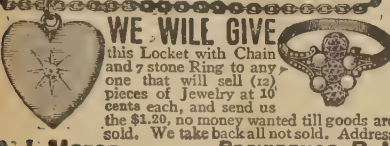
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The Sunshine House

How seldom we find a home in which sunlight has full play. The real sunshine from within may be there in abundance but the curtains are closely drawn to exclude the sunshine from without.

We all know why it is, and lay the blame upon makers of carpets, curtains, upholstery and wall paper for not manufacturing their goods so they will not fade when exposed to strong sunlight.

Too frequently we find houses from which the sunlight is excluded from the principal rooms by porches. In the northern states, where there are many cloudy days, we especially need in certain seasons, plenty of light and air in the home and without these essential features we cannot have the best of health.

English homes have always been built to let in sunshine and greater value is placed on the sunlight than on the materials which it fades, hence a house full of large casement windows divided with mullions and glazed with leaded glass will often have no curtains within.

The sunshine house presented above is for the lovers of light and air. All of the rooms have large windows, all but one have windows on two sides. The principal first story rooms have bay windows.

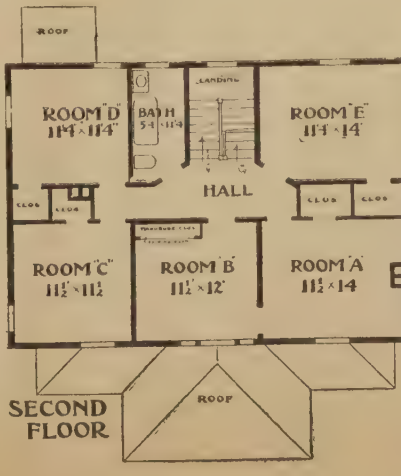
That room which used to be opened for weddings and funerals, "the Parlor," has no place in this house. The Living Room has taken its place. We find it furnished with "Mission"

or other substantial furniture that is built for use, upholstered with leather, which wears well and does not fade; carpets are being replaced by rugs and, if we can afford it, we buy an oriental rug which does not fade to any extent; on the walls we have a burlap which fades but little and can be dyed without removing from the walls when it has faded. With these furnishings we can fearlessly let in the sunlight.

This house is quaint and interesting. It has been planned in a thoroughly economical manner, designed in quiet taste and adapted to the uses of a large family. While inexpensive it shows that a house may be built in a simple way and be beautiful, relying as it does upon its materials rather than ornamentation for richness and individuality. The sides and roof are of stained shingles which give a variation of color not obtainable by using painted clapboards.

From the large porch (which does not cover the windows), through the vestibule, one enters a central hall. To the right is an attractive Living Room, having bay window fitted with a seat, a wide fireplace with bookcase built in at the side. Back of the Living Room is the Den, which may be used as a children's room or study; this is completely shut off from the Living Room so the usual noise of growing Young America will not disturb the occupants of the Living Room.

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At the Point of the Needle
 By Laretta Miller

The Month's Theme

In harmony with the Sunshine idea of this issue, our theme for April will be the daisy and its large sized composite brother, the sunflower. As last month our readers were introduced to a beautiful dream of a wild-rose shirt waist girl, so now they are made acquainted with her sister of the Wallachian daisy.

The Daisy Girl

In her daisy shirt waist is certainly "a daisy," and the admiration for her will be by no means confined to the gentler



sex. The design for this shirt waist can be had stamped on a good quality white linen, 3 yards, 36 inches wide, including collars and cuffs. Each design requires about ten skeins of Grecian floss, and should be embroidered with two shades of any color preferred. Pink, blue, green, yellow or red can be used with equally good effect. Wallachian petals and leaves always show a vein down their centers, and each half is to be worked separately. Long and short buttonhole stitches, and outline stitch, are the only stitches required for a pure Wallachian design.

Pillow Design: Daisy Girl

A girl in a field of Daisies. A most attractive design. Work daisies solid and fill centers with French knots. Work in



a little green at the base of the white daisy petals, at the point where they join the center. Use Grecian floss.

Sunflower Photo Frames

Secure one circular machine cut foundation with photo opening, machine cut, one tinted Ecu Moire Art Cloth Cover, one fancy paper lining for back. Embroider the petals and leaves of the flower almost solid, with long and short stitch. After the cover has been embroid-

ered press it on the wrong side. Cover one side of the cardboard foundation with a layer of sheet wadding; cut the



wadding away from the opening by the photo. Paste the wadding down with library paste. Stretch the cover over the wadded side of the foundation, pull the edges of the cardboard and paste down with library paste, which must be used very dry. Cut a slash to form a cross in the center of the opening; turn back and under the cut sections, which must be pasted down to the cardboard; to make these sections lie smooth and flat slash them at short intervals. Punch two holes, one on each side, at the upper part of the photo frame; cut two pieces of ribbon equal lengths, in one end of each piece make a small bow; run the plain end of each ribbon through one of the holes, and draw through; this will leave the bow on the right side of the frame. Tie the two ends together to form a loop by



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SUGGESTIONS FOR WORKING DAISIES

Field Daisy is a yellow flower with brown center. The sentiment of the flower is "I will think of it." The lessons are given on yellow shades, but ladies who desire usually to work the White Daisy, sometimes called Marguerite, can

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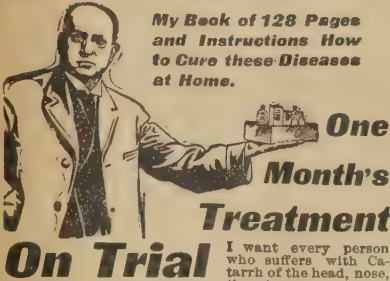
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Household Economy

Noonday Round Table Talks

By Florence M. Howe

"It is worth our while to know how to select good flour. In the first place, in buying white flour let us not be too particular that we get the pure white; that with a creamy tinge is better, because it contains more real nourishment. Now to test its quality, take up a handful. If it falls lightly from the hand, we may feel quite sure that it is good, but if it feels moist and sticky, and leaves the impress of fingers, we may very reasonably discard it, for it will not make good bread. In choosing the darker flour, such as graham or the entire wheat, we may be guided by the taste. A pure article will contain considerable gluten and a rich, nutty flavor will be quite perceptible, such as we experience when eating a grain of wheat."

Teachings of a Dear Old Aunt

"I remember that when I was quite a little girl a dear old aunt taught me some things about bread-making which she said I must always remember. In school I never took very kindly to chemistry, but when my aunt took me into her own well-equipped kitchen and began to teach me in her own sweet way some of the principles of chemistry I soon became quite enthusiastic over the subject. I remember my first lesson in bread-making. When I set my 'sponge' she told me that the reason for adding water to the flour was to dissolve the starch. This brought into contact with the other elements of the flour would soon start a process of decomposition. At the same time the effect of the moisture upon the gluten would tend to develop the gum-like properties of that substance, causing the whole mass to stick together. The yeast, which is composed of small living organisms, kept in a dormant state on account of the low temperature to which it has been subjected, is then added.

"Plant-like, it requires only moisture and the proper temperature for these organisms to grow and multiply. The temperature most favorable is from seventy-five to eighty-five degrees; so my 'sponge' was kept at this temperature and the same degree of heat was maintained throughout the whole process.

"The yeast acting upon the starch in solution forms two new substances, alcohol and carbonic-acid gas, which render the loaf light and porous. Care must be taken now that the fermentation does not proceed too far, for if all the gas escape, we would have only heavy, sour bread. On the other hand, if it should not proceed far enough the results would be much the same. As a rule, when the first sponge is light and foamy throughout, it is time to add the flour and knead the bread. The flour should, if possible, be warmed, and as little added in kneading as will be required to keep the dough from sticking to the board. There are two good rules which no doubt most of us have heard over and over again by which we may know when this process has been properly accomplished. The first is when the dough shows a tendency to stick to the hands or board. The second method is to strike the dough hard with the fist, and if it quickly springs back to place like a rubber ball, it is ready to be set away to rise. If everything has gone smoothly, little kneading is necessary the next time, only so much as will be required to shape into loaves. By giving attention to these details given to me so long ago I avoid feeling blue or worried when baking bread day comes round."

The Baking of the Bread

"But you haven't said a word about baking the bread, which to my mind is quite as important as the mixing," suggested Mrs. Adams. "Our kitchen maid was away on a vacation last week and I attempted the baking myself. All went well, until in the process of baking, a hard, thick crust formed on the loaves, while the interior seemed underdone. When I took the loaves from the oven I felt almost sick; for the whole thing was more nearly a failure than a success."

"I think I can account for that by the fact that your oven must have been too

hot," ventured Mrs. Eddy. "During the first twenty minutes the oven temperature should be between five and six hundred degrees; after that the heat should be reduced, and if you are using a gas range, just turn off the back burners under your oven.

"The use of an oven thermometer, of course, is the best means by which to regulate the heat, but if that little convenience is lacking place a teaspoonful of flour on the bottom of the oven; if at the end of five minutes it is nicely browned, put in your loaves. For rolls the heat must not be so great; consequently the two should never be baked together. It is by the proper application of heat that the starchy and glutinous cells are broken up and rendered digestible; the starch is converted into dextrine; the cells formed by the carbonic-acid gas are made permanent; the yeast cells are destroyed, and the alcohol is vaporized and liberated."

Whole Wheat Bread

"The following recipe for whole wheat bread was given to me by a friend some time ago, and I have always found it to be most satisfactory: Scald one pint of milk, and when lukewarm add two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, and one cake of compressed yeast dissolved in one-fourth cup of warm water. To this, add three cups of flour and beat until elastic; then add remaining flour. Let rise until double in bulk, beat again, pour into pans, let rise until double, and bake forty-five minutes. This amount will make two loaves.

"In making whole wheat bread, it is much more satisfactory to use part white flour, and this can be used to better advantage at the beginning of the process. In this way good results are easily obtained, and the flavor of the bread is in every way superior. The length of time required for making whole wheat bread is not so great as is required for plain white bread, as fermentation goes on more rapidly and the dough rises sooner. It is not necessary to start the bread at night; by rising just a little earlier than usual and setting the sponge before breakfast, one can have the baking all out of the way before dinner."

Whole Wheat Biscuit

"Here is a recipe for baking powder biscuits made from the entire wheat; and, I believe, used by a very famous cook. I am sure you will all want to try it. Two level cups of flour, sifted before measuring; one-half teaspoonful of salt; 4 teaspoonfuls of baking powder; 2 tablespoonfuls of butter; 1 cup of milk.

"By the way, always measure everything level, never heaping. A knife is used in mixing these ingredients and the milk is added slowly. Toss the mixture on the board, roll the dough and cut into shape with as little kneading as possible."

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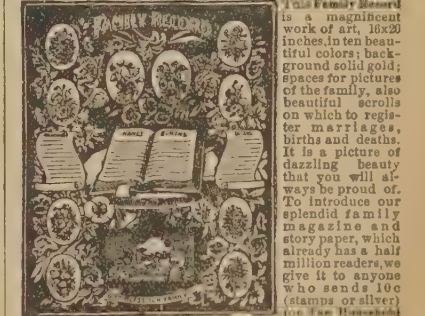
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To prepare codfish quickly pour boiling water over the fish, and when cool enough to put one's hands in the water, the fish will shred more easily than if soaked for hours. Scald again when shredded, drain, and cook in the usual manner.

To Brighten a Carpet

Sweep it well, then wipe well with a cloth wrung from soapy water to which has been added one or two teaspoons of ammonia. Rub the dirty spots until clean. This will make the carpet fresh and bright.—B.

A Good Use for Newspapers

If while traveling, you have reason to suspect the presence of those pests of the night, "Bedbugs," spread newspapers, overlapping, under the lower sheet, and go to sleep, assured you will not be disturbed.—R. M. F.

My Way to Clean the Head

Make strong salt water, put enough on the skin and hair to dampen well, then wrap up well with a towel to keep from taking cold. After the hair gets dry comb and brush well. The hair will get soft and glossy also clean.—A. M. R.

A Hurry Up Method

When in a hurry for potatoes to boil, put them in boiling water as usual. In three or four minutes pour off first water and add a second lot of boiling salted water.—Mrs. L. F.

To Remove Ironrust

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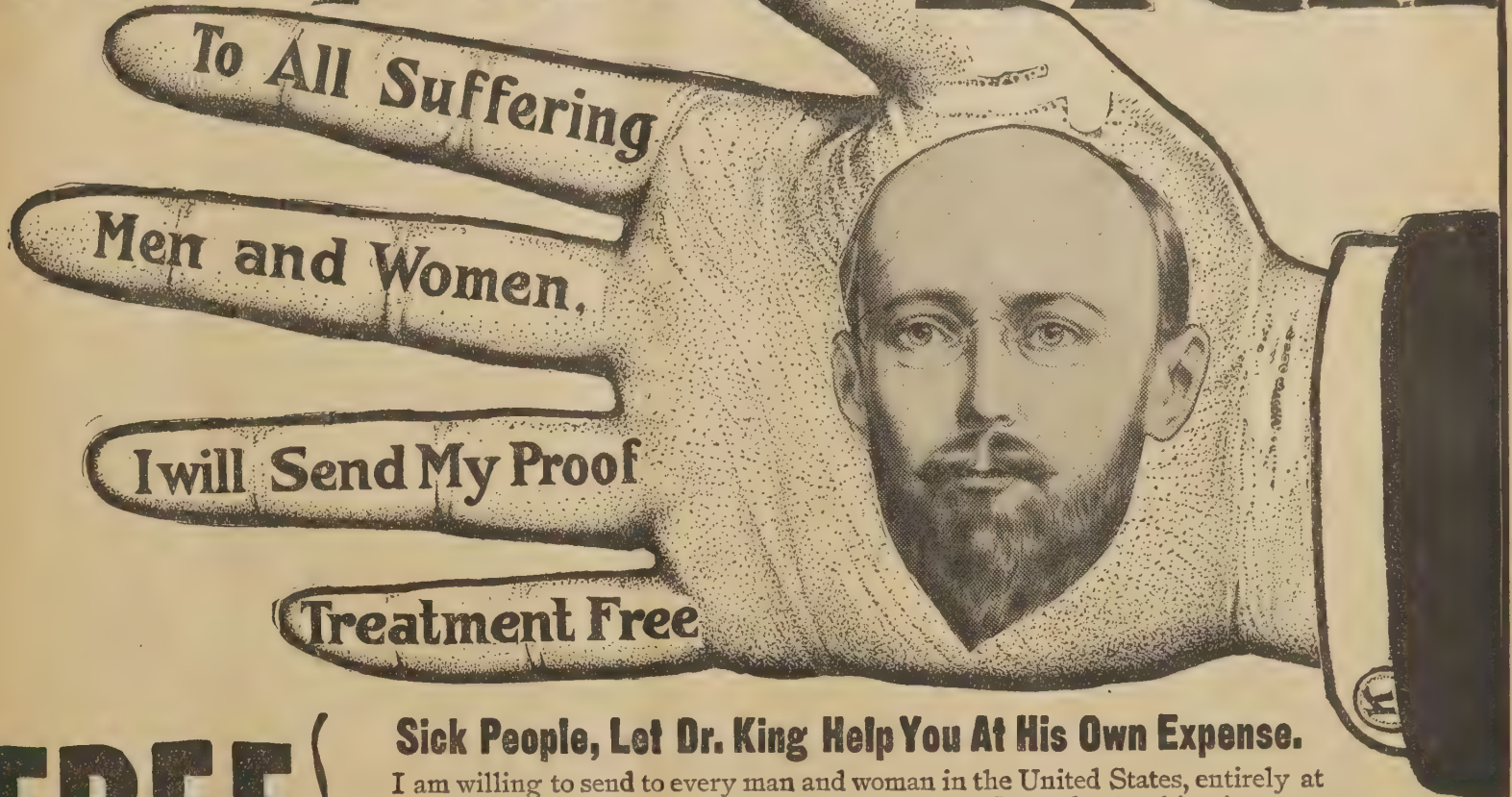
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WITH THE CHILDREN

By Eda W. vonAlten

Easter Thoughts

Last month we talked about the trees and leaf-buds that the rain awakened. This month I hope some of the flowers will wake up, so we can gather a few for our Easter Festival. We shall have a nice Easter lily, too. I wonder if you remember the story we told about a wee baby, that was born the first Christmas day? You remember his name was Jesus, and he was born in a manger. When he grew up to be a man he was a carpenter, and later, he told people all about the "Heavenly Father." This month we are going to remember the day he arose. This is called Easter. We all want to sew a pretty card for mamma, a lily would be pretty I think. We can also mold a little clay egg and color it very prettily and tie a ribbon through it. In Miss Jenk's song book can be found a very pretty little Easter song, the words of which may be sung to some popular air. The following is one stanza:

"The little flowers came through the ground,
At Easter time, at Easter time;
They raised their heads and looked around,
At happy Easter time—
And every pretty bud will say,
'Good people, bless this holy day,
For Christ is risen, the angels say,
At happy Easter time!'"

Water and Fishes

The ice in the streams has all melted now, and where do you think the water drops are going? Well, the sunbeam comes dancing out of the sky and lights right in the middle of the stream. The little drops of water are so glad to see the sunbeam, that they play and dance together and have such a good time. When the day grew warmer, and the warm sun rose higher and higher, the little sunbeam thought it must be time for her to fly away. She asked one of the little

water drops to go with her. The little water drop was delighted to go and soon found itself in the arms of the sunbeam, going up and up, it knew not where. All at once it fell fast asleep. When it awoke, it found itself, with a great many other water drops, and they were all sitting on a nice fleecy cloud. There were other little fleecy clouds right near, so they all decided to go together and ask the wind to take them to the earth. When they got down to mother earth they came so fast that we could hear them say: "Pitter, patter, pitter, patter." The grass and flowers were very glad for they had been waiting for a long time.

The Fishes

Now who knows what live in the streams? Yes, fishes. Children who live in the country, near brooks and streams, have all the opportunities imaginable to observe the habits and life of fishes, also the varieties of color, form, size and motion, which they exhibit. What do you think of the little children who live in a big city, who never have a chance to watch a real, live fish, unless it is in an aquarium? I once visited a kindergarten in one of the larger cities where the children had a number of pets, among them a dozen pretty fishes; some gold fish and the others were sticklebacks.

Fishes all have very large mouths and round eyes. Their ears do not show, but they can hear even the slightest sound. I am sure you all know we breathe through our noses. Now fish do not breathe that way; they have small gills, with little thin, hard covers on each side of the head, which open and close. A fish takes in water continually through his mouth and lets it out through his gills; but before he sends the water out he takes all the air out of it. This is the way he breathes. We use our feet to walk; but the fish uses his fins with which to drive himself through the water.

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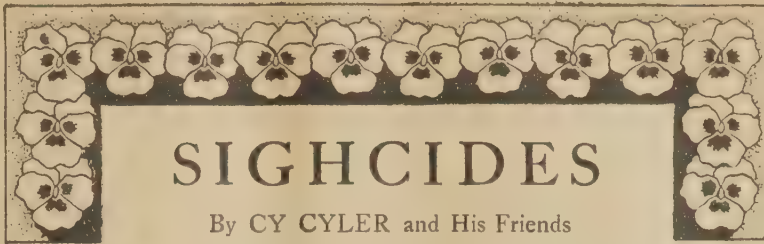


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Your feet measure, Not with pleasure, Nor with leisure, For she flees your Hasty trot.

If you find your Precious treasure And within your Own inclosure Have your tot;

If hand pressure To be—measure Your displeasure Will not cure your Wand'ring tot.

If the spunk cure Will not sure cure, Then from out your Wise child culture, Tell me what.

The other day a high school pupil went to the public library and drew the book, "Princess Arline." As he passed out the door with the volume under his arm he was heard to remark, "This is the first time I ever escorted a princess home."

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The Attorney (still more gruffly)—"What were you thinking?"

The Defendant (with great composure)—"Oh, I—was—just—a—thinkin', what a foine windmill you'd make for my pump."

Not long since a supply of new books was received at one of the branch public libraries. Among them was "The Fugitive Blacksmith." When one of a group of eighth grade school-boys spied this book he dryly remarked: "I'll bet that fellow bellowed when he got caught."

In a large western city the young son of the mayor dropped in at the city hall one morning, when the following conversation ensued:

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Mr. Cyler—Dear Sir: I have a gentleman friend with lovely mocha hair and hazel eyes, who is a full-back in a football team, who got his collar-bone and two ribs broken following his first punt last Thanksgiving day, and who is not engaged. Will you please advise me as to what would be the most appropriate valentine, both as to sentiment and design, for me to send him?

Respectfully, MAGGIE

Dear Maggie: Ideeplly deplore the fact that I am unable to advise you so intelligently as I would like, chiefly because you omitted so many details. You make it reasonably clear that your friend plays the role of the heavy villain on the gridiron, and you give a fair idea of his hair and eyes, but you do not relate any of his family history. You do not state whether he sustained a simple or compound fracture of the collar-bone, nor the exact location, whether near to, or remote from, the superior maxillary ligament. The most valuable information you furnish is that the two ribs which were broken were those following his first punt. I have noticed that they are the ones that are always most apt to get injured in such cases. You stated rather confidently that he is not engaged, but you do not say how you know it. The statements of full-backs with mocha hair and broken clavicles and ribs are not always to be relied upon in such matters. You do not say whether you love him, and if so why, and to what extent, whether simply as a brother or otherwise. The best I can do for you, Maggie, with the meager information at hand, is to suggest that you send him a valentine of the Queen Anne style of architecture, with deckled edges and cornices, all profusely decorated with miniature hot-water bags and chrysanthemums; the former will typify the Fahrenheit of your devotions, and the latter will insure him that you approve of his estheticism and applaud his aspirations.

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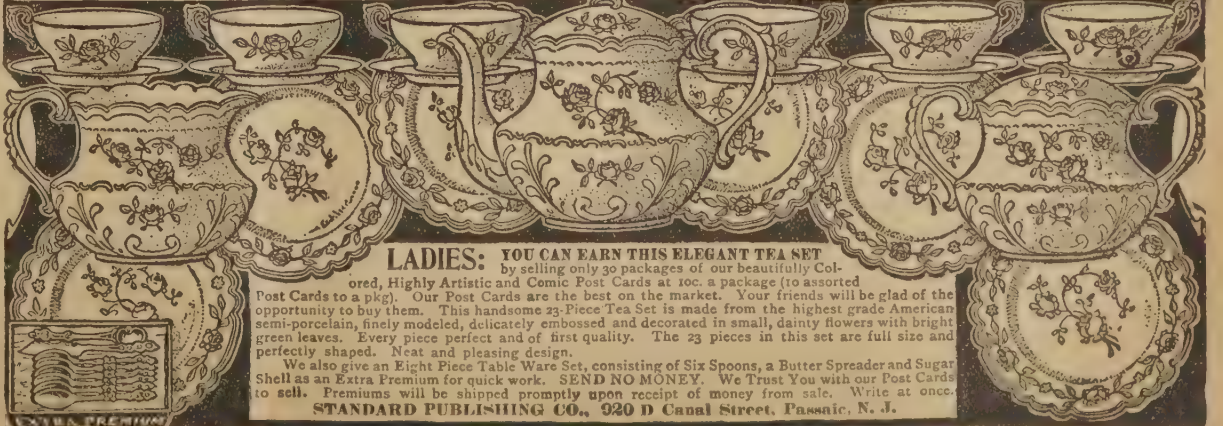
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Arbor Day Number

Much valuable and very interesting information will be given regarding the truly great man and public benefactor, the late Hon. J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day. Mr. John Nordhouse, who for ten years was the secretary and trusted friend of Mr. Morton, will contribute a most interesting biographical sketch of his former chief, which will be richly embellished with choice photo-engravings portraying the beautiful home life of the Mortons. Extracts from the eloquent address of EX-PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND at the dedication of the monument erected at Nebraska City to the memory of Ex-Secretary Morton, will also be published in the Arbor Day number. This article will be illustrated by a photo-engraving of the monument itself and a recent picture of our distinguished Ex-President, Mr. Cleveland. In addition, will be published a

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Not only this, but *Vick's Magazine* was given special permission to publish approved extracts from recent speeches of President Roosevelt bearing upon the important subjects of public welfare so near his heart: Forestry, Arboriculture, Good Roads, Children's Gardens, and The School Beautiful. Every one of these extracts, as well as that from Ex-President Cleveland's dedicatory address, cannot be excelled for recitation purposes on Arbor Day and at special entertainments given in the interests of Forestry and Good Roads for the splendid purpose of raising funds for The School Beautiful in every community.

A Symposium of Poems

Another most attractive feature of the May number, and one that will be of great value for recitation purposes also, will be a symposium of poems written by a most interesting group of our best and best-known living poets. Supplied with this fine collection of timely verse, school pupils will not need to rehearse again the oldtime and somewhat hackneyed poems relating to trees, tree planting, arboriculture, and forestry. Among those who will contribute to this symposium will be Edwin Markham, Margaret E. Sangster, Richard Watson Gilder and Eben E. Rexford. Several poems from other authors equally well known are expected, though not yet received.

The Good Roads Number

This issue will be no less interesting than will be the Arbor Day number. Among its most interesting features will be approved extracts from President Roosevelt's splendid address at St. Louis regarding the subject of Good Roads, and a timely symposium contributed to by prominent educators and road experts throughout the United States and Canada as to the editorial suggestion herein made, proposing that a Good Roads Day be established when this important subject may be made the theme of special exercises in our schools with a view of developing interest and intelligence therein among our citizens of tomorrow, whose duty it will be to build good roads.

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Good Roads Day

In the economy of our American school life we now have established several special days, such as Arbor Day, Bird Day, etc., all of which serve a very excellent purpose of calling the attention of the rising generation to the importance of the special progressive movements with which each of such days is identified. These days are proving very effective in impressing upon the minds of the young most important lessons, the learning of which cannot fail to have a most beneficial influence upon the formation of character and the development of the child's future usefulness as a member of society and a citizen of state and nation. Educators are unanimous in their approval of these special days thus far established and also in stating that the children themselves enter into the actual work of the planting of trees, vines, and shrubs with wonderful zest and enthusiasm. They also bear testimony to the fact that children in like manner take the same lively interest in the actual work of making children's gardens in connection with school work, which is proof positive that the same children would take the same kind of interest in studying practical ways and means of improving the roads and streets of our country. One of the things at which children like most to play is that of making play roads, which indicates that their minds are open and their hands are ready and willing to do certain things along this line in the way of actually making and improving walks on the school grounds and about their homes, etc., all of which activities can be given intelligent direction and suggestion in connection with special exercises that could be held with great profit on Good Roads Day. In view of these facts, therefore, Vick's Magazine suggests the idea of the establishment of a Good Roads Day to be generally observed by the public and private schools in the United States and other adjacent countries. And why not? In the Good Roads number of this publication, to be issued for June, will appear a most interesting symposium, to which contributions will be made by some of our most prominent educators and Good Roads enthusiasts and experts. This will prove an unusually interesting feature of our Good Roads number and no one should fail to secure this issue of Vick's Magazine.

A Splendid Movement

The editor of Vick's Magazine recently had the great pleasure when in New York City of visiting the American Institute of Social Service, at whose head stands its heroic president, Rev. Dr. Josiah Strong, who believes and each day lives the splendid gospel that the highest and noblest expression that can be given to any religious system is constant service devoted to the welfare of human kind. A short editorial paragraph cannot even make a small beginning in setting forth the multitude of good things being done under Dr. Strong's inspiring leadership. One enterprise of special importance and far reaching results for human welfare is the holding in New York in the near future of an International Conference and Exhibit of safety appliances intended effectually to prevent the reckless loss of life that now prevails in railroading and other hazardous industries, especially in this country. In view of the recent terrible school calamity at Collinwood, Ohio, it is to be hoped that a special department will be maintained for the exhibit of carefully devised appliances for safeguarding the lives of school children in our public schools. A later number of Vick's Magazine will be devoted to the most excellent welfare work being carried forward by the Institute of Social Service.

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POULTRY

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You who are not so fortunate as you would like to be in this regard, may account for your ill success by the reflection that it is perhaps this, that your poultry house is damp and poorly ventilated. Can't you cut a window into the south wall, for it will amply repay for all work and expense. Sunshine and fresh air will convert a dull place into a bright cheery room, drying up dampness and converting lazy, humped up chickens into a singing active lot of egg-layers.

The value of sunshine and good fresh air cannot be over-estimated by poultry keepers. Those who keep chickens mainly for the eggs produced will swell their receipts considerably by having their hens lay when eggs are highest in price, and in order to do this it is very essential to have the right kind of house. It is not always the one that pays out the most money for his poultry houses that gets the best results. If some, instead of building great big expensive buildings, would construct houses on the order of the one I will try to picture to you, it would be better for all concerned. It is the same here as in every other undertaking, the more money involved, the smaller the percentage of profit. It makes a big difference whether we have \$300 to \$400 invested in buildings or \$50 to \$100. Yes, \$50 will go a long way if used for buildings as described in the following.

A house fronting south, ten feet long by six feet wide, the front six feet high and the rear five feet high will make a very nice place for a limited number of hens. Be sure to board up the north and west walls tight, doing the same with the east wall, except that you leave an opening for the door two feet wide at the highest end. This will leave all walls tight except the front, or south wall.

On this side run a 2x2 inch piece one foot from the bottom clear across. Do the same at the top, one foot from the roof. Now place another 2x2, running up and down, right in the center. By boarding up two and one-half feet from each end, it will leave you two openings for your windows, each one four feet high by two and one-half feet wide. You need no hinge on your windows, just slide them back and forth on the lower 2x2. Nail a 1x2 along the upper 2x2 to hold the window in place. At the bottom it is best not to place such a strip, but hold the windows in place with finishing nails, set about every six inches. This will hold the windows just as tight and in addition keep them from freezing so tight as not to be easily opened. Above the top 2x2 toward each end leave an opening about

8x12 inches; tack fine mesh poultry wire over the outside of this opening and for the inside have a frame covered with muslin to slide over it. You will find that only in the coldest weather will it be necessary to close this opening, as same acts as a ventilator, letting out the foul air. It is also a good plan to put wire on the outside of the windows, giving you a chance to open them any time even if you have the birds confined.

The opening for the chickens to go out should not be placed below the window, but toward the end, and should be fitted with a good well-closing door, as this is the place where all draughts come from. There is also another good reason for placing this opening away from the window, as the space below the window is always more or less damp, which is a drawback to a good closing door, and your chickens are always liable to get soiled more or less when passing in and out.

Now as regards inside arrangements. The drop board or roost should be placed on the north wall. A frame made of 1x2 on which 1/2 inch boards are nailed will be found to be the best. Run a partition also made of 1/2 inch lumber, thirty inches wide and run from the floor clear to the ceiling, placing it in the center, five feet from each end. Now fit your drop board (also thirty inch wide) on each side between this partition and the outside wall. Have it two and one-half feet from the floor, which will allow the chickens to use the entire floor space for scratching room. It is best to build all the partition of 1x2 with 1/2 inch lumber over them, as you can use boards from old boxes, and it is much easier to handle than heavier lumber. Another advantage is that when using frames you can remove it at any time leaving you the clear walls. A good place for the nests is in the upper northwest and northeast corners above the roosts. A frame thirty inches long and twenty-one inches deep will act as floor. By leaving a space of six inches in the front and dividing the rest into two places you will have two nests 15x15 each.

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Magazine takes pleasure in introducing to its readers through the courtesy of Heller Brothers the beautiful "Flower Girl," who, by the way, is the charming little daughter of Mr. Myer Heller, the senior member of the firm.

Where the Rose Reigns

One of the most attractive catalogues of the year comes from the Dingee and Conard Co., West Grove, Pa., and proves conclusively that in the floral kingdom of the Keystone State the Rose truly is sovereign. The examination of this beautiful catalogue makes one instinctively long to enjoy life in that fortunate land, where Dingee & Conard roses hold sway, for no court on earth could be more splendid and gorgeous and no royal realm abound with more exquisite beauty and fragrance than this one. Not only does this annual make most tempting offerings of everything the heart could wish for in roses, but also a most attractive line of other floral favorites. The Dingee & Conard catalogue for 1908 is certainly a thing of beauty from cover to cover.



The Flower Girl

Is the title of the annual announcement of Heller Brothers, New Castle, Ind., which abundantly proves that, in and about the Indiana town from which it is sent forth, the Rose is queen and a most fascinating and gorgeously attired queen she is too. It is no disparagement to any of the other catalogues at hand to say that Heller Brothers' excels them all both in the happy conceptions of its author, in its delightful illustrations, and the truly artistic effects achieved in its mechanical execution. Evidently this firm has caught the inspiration of beauty imparted by the exquisite things in which it deals and has successfully transmitted that beauty to the printed page. If one were previously wholly obtuse to the elevating influences of flowers, the perusal of the beauteous "Flower Girl" would arouse him from his lethargy and create within him something of a love of flowers. A most engaging feature of "The Flower Girl" is that a distinctive human interest pervades its pages, thus emphasizing the truth of the statement made in the March issue "flowers are made for folks." Herewith Vick's

Substantials First

As one examines the H. W. Buckbee seed annual of 1908, he finds the good things therein pictured and described served up very much as meals are in all well ordered homes: substantials first, delicacies, pie and cakes afterward. As one peruses the early pages, he is carried forward to the "good old summer time" now approaching, soon finds his mouth watering for the

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Silver Threads Among the Gold

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H. Gabriel, in reply to a request for hymns for a Sunday school book. It appeared first in his Sunday-school song-book, 'Sunshine.' As I sat in my favorite chair one morning, not thinking, but just waiting for an inspiration, and 'gazing into space,' as one of my friends, a prominent musician, very aptly put it, the following words came to me:—

'Clear the darkened windows,
Open wide the door,
Let a little sunshine in.'

"I thought the words might do for a chorus and wrote them down as such. Then it remained to write a hymn appropriate for such a chorus. The words of the song then followed, almost as rapidly as the pencil could put them down. I did not realize, at the time, that I had written anything more than an ordinary verse. But under the gifted pen of Professor Gabriel, the song has become today what it is."

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As already indicated, the one whose magic touch gave wings to the verse of Miss Blenkhorn, and sent it forth upon its mission of blessing, was Prof. Charles H. Gabriel, the well known musical composer and publisher, of Chicago. He was born in Iowa, in 1857. The first seventeen years of his life he spent on the farm, where he acquired that physical, mental, and moral strength which has resulted in making him one of the most successful and best-known of his country's composers of music. Among the most popular of his productions may be mentioned: "Send the Light," "His Love," "He Is Mine, I Am His," and "Let the Sunshine In." He has also been a prolific writer of anthems, having issued five books in this particular line, besides many anthems prepared for other authors. In addition to his productions of gospel songs and anthems he has also attained marked success as a writer of cantatas for children.

Mr. Gabriel has also been prolific in popular songs many of which are very bright and taking, and have sold largely. He has also prepared two operettas, a class-book, a collection of piano duets, and another of 'Children's Songs.' Having received little or no instruction and being a self-made man, he has a style peculiarly his own.

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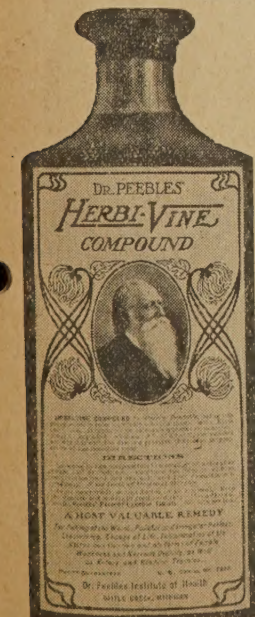
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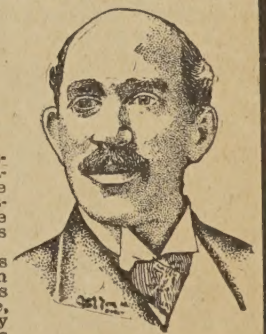
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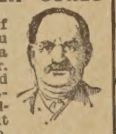


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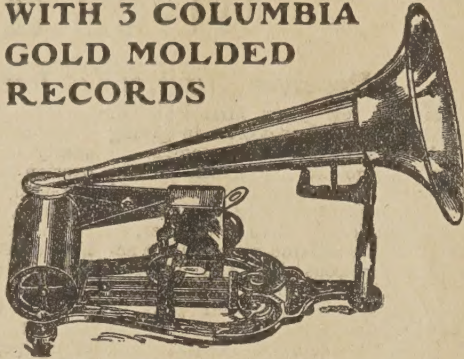
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Home Building

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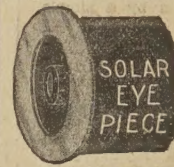
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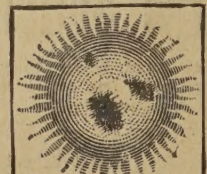
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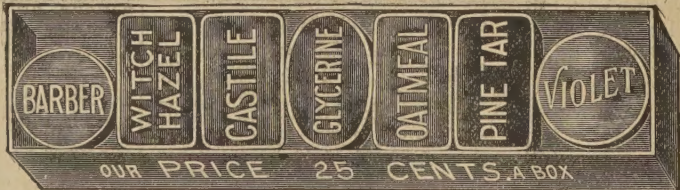
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An Honest Dinner Set Offer

A real, high-grade, genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set. Not given away, but easily earned. When we say easily earned, we mean easily earned. We do not intend to give you this genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set for nothing. We want some of your time and some of your recommendation and some work from you. We do not want any canvassing or peddling, but we want your help. We want just five hours' worth of your time, and you can give us your time in the evening or in any of your spare hours. If you haven't the time yourself, you can have your children help you. In fact your children can do **all** the work if you will only show them how. **Then this grand, glorious, genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set will be yours.** It will be sent you absolutely free of charge to you, and you pay absolutely nothing for it. Not one penny of your money will we accept.

We cannot describe the beauty of this genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set, with its handsome decorations. So handsome and aristocratic that they fill every woman with rapture. We know that a great many dinner sets have been sold which are not up to expectations, and when we tell you that this is genuine Blue Willow China it ought to be enough. It ought to convince you that we mean what we say, that our offer is an honest one, and that when you have done the work for us, you will get this Dinner Set free. This grand Dinner Set is really worth your while, a Dinner Set of which you and your family will be proud—for this is not a cheap premium, but just the kind of a Dinner Set you would buy at the store for a high price.

There are sixty-one pieces in this beautiful set. We have smaller sets of this glorious Blue Willow ware. We have 24-piece sets and entrancing 30 and 35-piece sets. We also have sets of 176 pieces if you want that many. And every piece is the rarest and best china we can give.

I know you want that kind of china on your table. I want you to have the very best china—the kind of china used in the homes of rich people. I want you to have it and enjoy it, and I want you to picture to yourself how your table will look set with the beautiful genuine Blue Willow china. Look closely at the picture of the dishes. See the handsome and aristocratic decorations—a picture can hardly do justice to the set, but you can get a faint idea of the beauty of the dishes by looking at the picture.

See the rich oriental effect. Even though you become very rich and have the finest kind of house furnishings, you will always be proud to entertain your friends with this Dinner Set, for everyone knows that when you have the genuine Blue Willow china you have the **best** that can be obtained any place.

Now do you want this Dinner Set? This beautiful, genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set, just for a few of your spare hours? Would not your children, or your neighbors or some of the members of your family be willing to help you on the little work we ask? We do not want to delay you one minute. Our offer is limited. Those who want to earn the Dinner Set, should earn it at once.

Just Your Name and Address

Just your name and address on this coupon or on a postal card, or in a letter will be enough. We will promptly send you the material so that you can earn the beautiful genuine Blue Willow Dinner Set. If you decide that you cannot do the work, or that your children don't want to, there is no harm done—just return the material, and you will be under no obligations whatever. We do not ask you to sign any order or any contracts. **Just your name and address and we will send you everything prepaid, and it will cost you nothing.** "Thinking about it" does not earn you any Blue Willow Dinner Set. No harm done if you don't succeed. **Send your name and address today.** Remember, the **gold plated watch, stem wind and stem set, free anyway,** just for trying, as is fully explained in our circular. Write at once.

----- CUT OR TEAR OFF ALONG THIS LINE -----

M. S. Roberts, Manager Dept. 1231
41 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Name _____

Address _____

Do not bother with letter Coupon will do.

M. S. ROBERTS, Mgr.
DEPT. 1231
41 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.



One Agent Made \$3,200 Last Year Working For Me!

MRS. D. E. WISMER, of Chicago, Ill., made that much money in twelve months selling my goods. You can do as well or better because my Nineteen Quick-Selling Novelties are necessities in every home.

I Will Give You a Sample Outfit, Worth \$6.30, and My Lessons In Salesmanship **FREE**

I WANT more men and women and boys and girls to work for me. I want **you** to work for me if you want to work. You can make from \$4.00 to \$10.00 a day by a few hours daily work right in your own community.

I will do everything I can to help you. I will give you a sample outfit worth \$6.30, Free, and my course of lessons in salesmanship.

After reading my lessons in salesmanship, one of my agents started out to work and called on ten families. To eight of the ten he sold a full line of my household necessities and his profit was \$15.60 for two hours work. This is not an unusual experience.

There are many ways to make money, but if you want to make big money, and make it quick, you must sell my line of household necessities. I don't care who you are **all I want to know is that you are honest and that you really want to work. Experience is not necessary because I teach you and make you a real salesman, absolutely free of charge.**

While any one can easily sell my goods, it stands to reason that a well trained salesman will sell three or four times as many goods as one who is untrained. That is why I go to such expense and trouble to teach my agents to sell goods successfully.

The lessons in salesmanship, that I give you free, will enable you to earn from \$300.00 to \$600.00 more every year, even after you give up my work. You cannot afford to take one chance of losing this opportunity of increasing your salary or income the rest of your life, and that is just what this offer means to you.



Last year Mrs. D. E. Wismer, 1762 Arlington Place, Chicago, made \$10.26 a day, that is \$3,200.00 a year, selling my goods. I have many agents who make nearly as much money as Mrs. Wismer.

I manufacture only the best and quickest selling necessities, because, after **20 years of responsible business experience**, I know just what agents want and what they can sell most easily and quickly. When you handle this line of goods with **100% profit, you double your money on every sale you make**, and you are then on the right road to success. **You are your own boss**—you control your own trade in your own territory and you earn, according to your own ability, from **\$4.00 to \$10.00 a day**. Remember, my firm is the only firm in the country that can **guarantee its agents a minimum profit of \$4.00 for every day they work**.

This is the **chance of your life** to get into a good money making business of your own, so be wise, don't wait or waste any time; fill in the attached coupon and mail same to me with one dollar and I will ship you the complete outfit mentioned above. But do it **now**, don't waste time, because every day is worth \$5.00 at least.

Complete Sample Outfit Free

RETAIL PRICES

- Grips and Ironing Board Sample.....10c
- Grips for Ironing Board, set of 12.....35c
- Grips for Ironing Board, set of 8.....25c
- Grips for Holding Bed Covers, 6.....25c
- Grip for Sewing or Work Holder.....10c
- *E-Z Sanitary Belt, Lisle, Dr. Young's.....40c
- *E-Z Sanitary Belt, Merc., Dr. Young's.....50c
- *E-Z Sanitary Belt, Small Buckle.....35c
- E-Z Sanitary Napkin Pattern.....5c
- Midget Waist and Skirt Supporter.....25c
- Ribbon Beader, Young's Three-Eye.....15c
- Skirt or Trouser Hanger (Dana).....15c
- Hat Fasteners, Style B (Fair's).....25c
- Dip Pin or Waist Extender.....10c
- Hose Sup., Ladies' Plain (Young's).....35c
- Hose Sup., Children's Plain (Young's).....20c
- Hose Sup., Men's (Young's).....25c
- Dust Pan, Long Handle.....25c
- Elegant FREE Sample Case, worth.....\$2.00

Total, \$6.30

This complete sample outfit, with a handsome \$2.00 Sample Case, together with my full instructions how to make from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per day, **all Free to you if you mean business.**

Read my Special Sample Case offer.

*When sample outfit is ordered by man or boy, we leave out the Sanitary Belts and substitute a \$1.25 garter purse, unless otherwise instructed.

My Special Sample Case Offer.

I DO not charge you a penny for my complete line of samples, packed in an elegant free \$2.00 sample case, ready for work. I do not sell them to you—they belong to me, I just let you use them to sell goods. Last year many dishonest people got these samples because they were free—and never went to work—I never heard from them again and consequently I lost money. Now I mean business and to show me that you mean business, I want you to send me \$1.00 as a deposit for these goods, which are worth \$6.30. My full instructions how to become a successful agent, are absolutely free with samples. You realize that I am taking all the risk, as the samples are worth much more than the small deposit I want you to make, which is merely to prove to me that you do mean business.

To show you that I am fair and honest, I allow you to deduct the \$1.00 deposit from your first \$5.00 order; or, if for any reason you are not successful and do not make at least \$4.00 a day, return the samples in good condition and I will gladly refund your money. Isn't this a fair proposition? Could I possibly be more liberal?

Our reference:—Dun's or Bradstreet's Commercial Agency, any Bank, Express Company or large business firm in Chicago. If you have the slightest doubt about our honesty or financial standing, we will not only ask you, but we will consider it a favor if you will drop a line to the Hamilton National Bank of Chicago and ask what they think of our Honesty and Responsibility.

When writing to the Bank for reference send Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Cut Out This COUPON and Mail It Today.

A. M. YOUNG & CO.,
400 Howland Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

I hereby accept the agency for your patented quick selling household necessities. Send me the complete \$6.30 sample outfit which is free to me. The (\$1.00) which I enclose herewith is simply a deposit to show that I mean business. I will deduct the \$1.00 from my first \$5.00 order or if I can't earn \$4.00 a day I will return the samples in good condition and you, A. M. Young & Co., agree to return to me my one dollar (\$1.00) deposit.

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To get right outfit, write Mr. Mrs. or Miss, name and address plainly,
Street and No.
Town..... State.....
Express Office.....
If different from Post-Office.

A. M. YOUNG & CO., 400 Howland Bldg., Chicago